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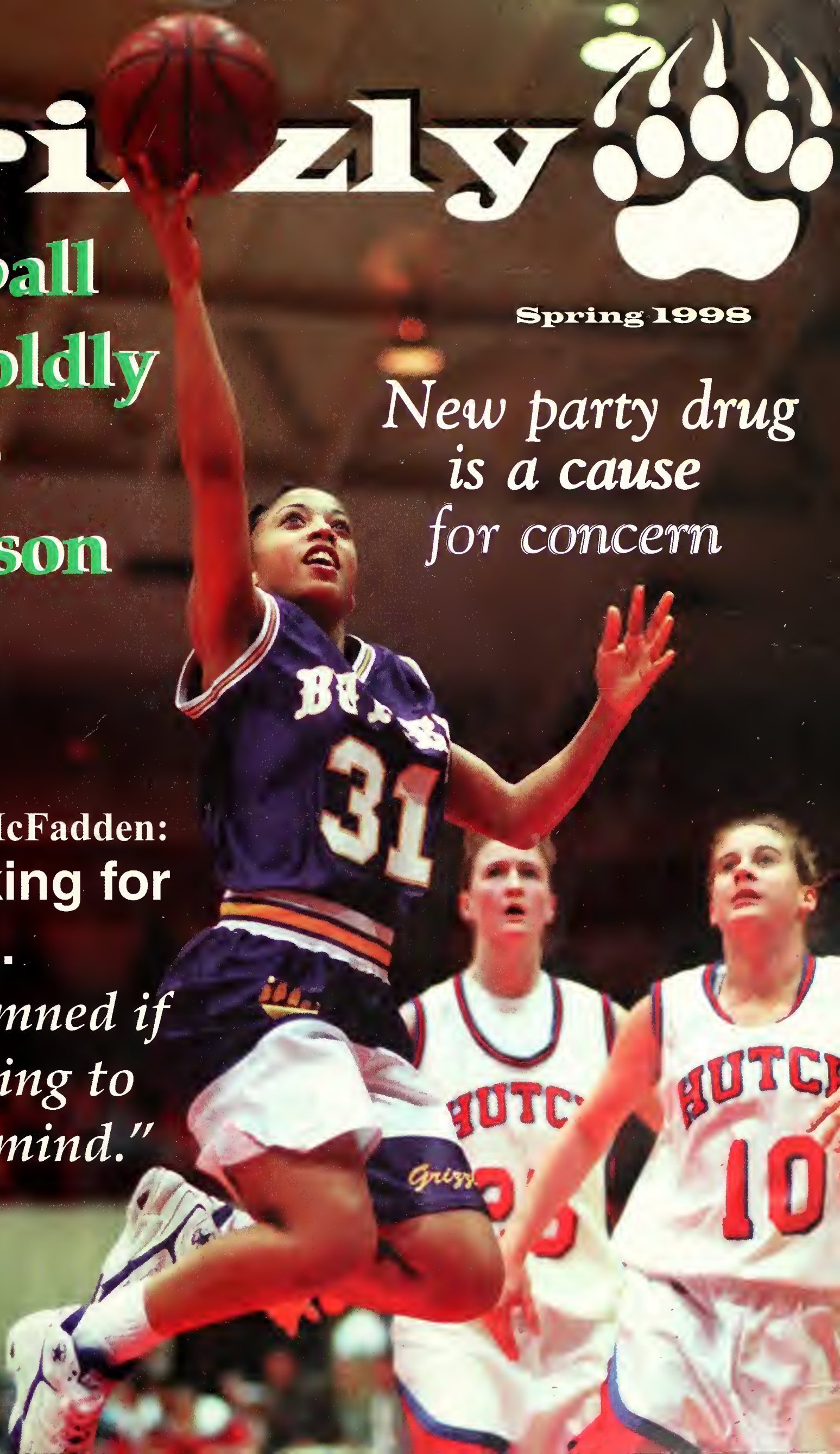
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Felecia Foo explains Malaysian culture to Tyler Michael, Cort Cindley and Brad Schuessler at the International Expo. The Expo, which took place in Andover on April 17, featured 50 of Butler's international students' countries.

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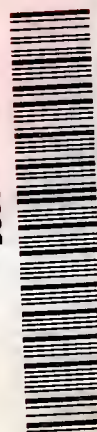
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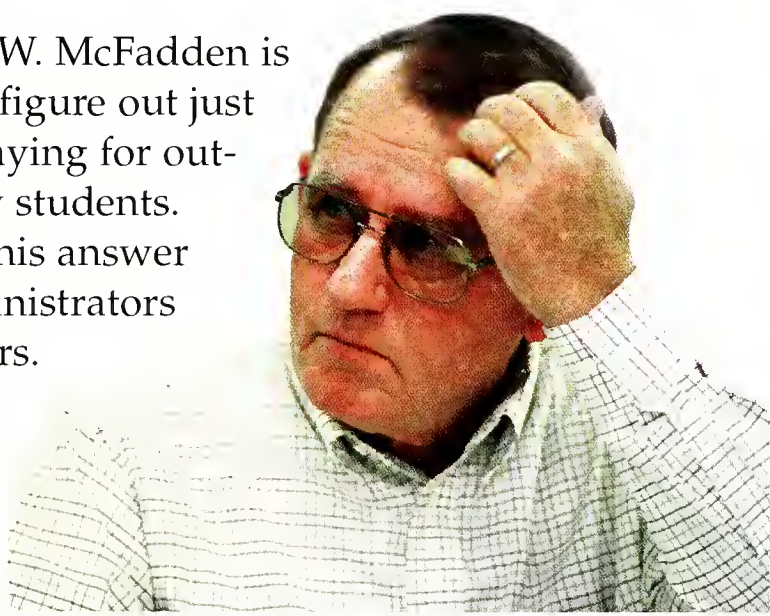
The womens basketball team, with only one returning player, has a spectacular season, making it to the Region VI playoffs before losing in the semifinals.



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On the cover, Kesha Walker flies to the hoop for a easy lay-up against the Hutchinson Blue Dragons. Photo by Mike Shepherd.

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Home Again

Long-time faculty member Everett Kohls returns to Butler after a five-year absence

By Amy Train

A new face to some and a legend to others has found its way back home. Everett Kohls, who came to Butler in 1966 as an assistant football coach and history/psychology teacher, felt as if he never left after his first day back on the job.

"Spiritually, I never left," Kohls says. "It's good to be back."

Beginning his career at Butler, Kohls has influenced many lives and the college as a whole. Kohls master-minded and instigated a prominent program at Butler. In 1974, his Lady Grizzly Basketball team took its first steps. Kohls coached a line-up of 13 women who pulled together for a 13-7 first season, including a win against current Wichita State University women's coach Linda Hargrove.

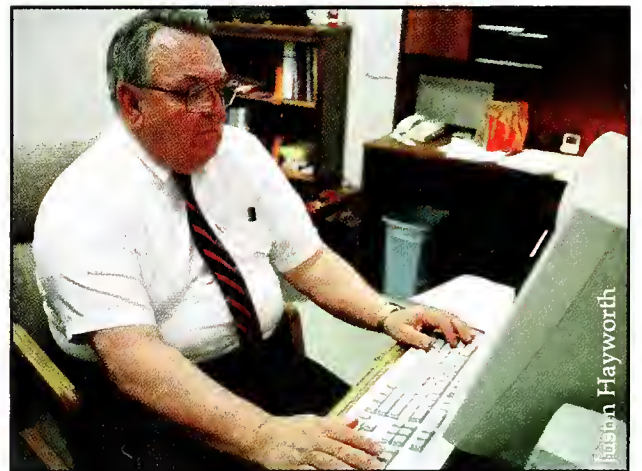
But, in 1976, Kohls felt he needed to resign in order to focus on his new position as Director of Admissions and Student Records. Then Kohls became Dean of Students in 1990, where he remained until retiring in 1992.

After leaving Butler, Kohls headed to Bethany College where he took the reigns as Missions Counselor. He was in charge of recruiting in the new position which gave him a chance to explore the central region of the United States. Kohls visited high schools from Kansas to Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Kohls lived in an apartment in Salina and travelled home on the weekends while in Lindsborg. After almost three years at Bethany College, Kohls had his adventure and decided it was time to come home.

"I had the chance to home each night and I believed coming back would do the most good," Kohls says. "I became attached to what I watched grow and decided to come back. And Butler is one place that really means it when it says 'Students First'."

Kohls says that the best part of being back at Butler is that it is an enjoyment. Kohls can be found in Admissions as Butler's Technical Recruiter. He is always eager to share a good story of his past. His challenge to anyone is to name any city in Kansas and he will know at least one person in the town, no matter what the size of the town.



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The tale of the Dragon

By Laura Agee

Butler's Special Needs office is helping students one word at a time. Thanks to a grant, Special Needs purchased a voice-activated computer program known as Dragon Dictate that is used to help Special Needs students at Butler who can't type because of physical limitations, such as Cerebral Palsy.

"We wanted to purchase the very best program we could with the money we received," says Staci Daniel, a para-professional in Special Needs. The Dragon Dictate program is owned and was developed by Microsoft. This unique program was devel-

oped in 1984, but wasn't out on the market until 1995, which is when Butler purchased the product. It took 11 years to perfect the computer program which initially cost about \$1,500 but is now around \$950.

Dragon dictate has only been used a few times in the last three years, Daniels says, and for a pretty good reason. Dragon Dictate is a voice-activated computer program that listens for the user's voice. That doesn't seem like much of a problem, until you factor in other voices the program may have to contend with. For example, last semester, the good folks in



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the Special Needs office tried to train a student with a speech impediment, which made the training process last longer.

"It would have taken more than a month," Daniels says. "After the noise reaches a certain loudness, the program will just shut off because it can't distinguish between the user's voice and outside noises." The solution? A soundproof room, which was installed in March.

Training on the system isn't easy. "It took me three to four days of training to learn how to use

Dragon can also learn mistakes as well if the user saves files without correcting mistakes.

If the user has a cold, the user's voice will sound different to Dragon Dictate. The program may not recognize the user and think another person is using it. Fortunately, during training runs, the program stores a file of the user's distorted voice. The next time the user has a cold, the Dragon will immediately recognize the voice.

Staci Daniels' biggest advantage, once Dragon Dictate is running smoothly, will be that



Dragon dictate allows students who are physically unable to type papers to simply speak into a microphone while the computer types what they are saying. This program should help lighten the load of work put on student workers who have in the past had to type papers for these people.

it," Daniels recalls. "There is a voice menu bar and when you want to print, you say 'voice menu'. Then you say 'print' and it will print."

And a computer program that takes verbal commands has another advantage: it learns from its own mistakes. "As long as the user corrects his mistakes before he saves the file, Dragon Dictate will learn from the corrected mistakes and learn not to make the same ones again. It is continually learning," Daniels explains. Unfortunately, the

she can devote time to other Special Needs chores because she won't have to type as many assignments for her Butler students, who will be able to "type" for themselves using Dragon Dictate. The students will become more independent, as will Daniels, who may finally be able to run out to McDonalds for lunch. Who knows? With Dragon Dictate, anything may be possible.

Laura Agee rolled through last issue's story about the Rollarena and tames the Dragon this time around.



Rohypnol dissolves almost instantly, therefore any unattended drink can be a target. Roofies have become common, even here in Kansas.

Party-goers beware...

Story by Kristy Egbert Photo illustrations by Justin Hayworth

Attention all females.

Imagine yourself at a party, or sitting around, hanging out with some people. You're relaxing and sipping on a beer, water, or pop. When moments later, or what you think are moments later, you wake up in an unfamiliar place, not remembering anything and realizing instead of mere moments later it has been several hours. Unfortunately you have just been introduced to Rohypnol, and are now a statistic with its many other victims.

Rohypnol is a foreign-manufactured sleep aid and presurgery sedative that is 10 times stronger than Valium. Also known as a "Roofie," it is the so-called date rape drug that is a widely prescribed sedative in Europe, but is not licensed for sale in the United States. Produced in Mexico and other countries by Hoffman-La Roche, it is also marketed in Central and South America and Asia. It was banned in the U.S., but legal until a year ago to bring back from Mexico for personal use.

Much of the Rohypnol that is abused in the U.S. is obtained by prescription in Mexico and transported across the border, just like steroids. Rohypnol has many other names as well, such as rophies, ruffies, R2, roofenol, Roche, roachies, la rocha, rope and rib. In the last five years there have been reports of Rohypnol abuse among schoolchildren as young as eight years old, as well as high schoolers, but it is most commonly used on college campuses.

Rohypnol tablets look a lot like aspirins, they're white and are single or cross-scored on one side with "Roche" and a "1" or "2" encircled on the other side. The pills are sold in bubble packs of 1 or 2 mg doses. Generic and illegal versions are also manufactured, although the brand name product seems to be the most popular. Overdosing on Rohypnol is not likely, experts say. However, habitual use will lead to physical dependence. Withdrawal symptoms include headaches, muscle pains, hallucinations and sometimes seizures.

Rohypnol is most frequently used with alcohol. The drug is ingested orally. Many offenders slip the drug into an unsuspecting girl's drink, where the drug begins to take effect in as little as 20 minutes and may persist up to eight hours or more, depending on the dosage. Once it is dissolved into the drink there is no evidence left of it because it leaves behind no trace of odor or taste. The drug costs less than \$5 per tablet, which makes it easily available to offenders.

What happens when victims want to press charges against the person who slipped them a Roofie? Well, good luck, it's especially difficult to prosecute. Roofies causes victims to black out, and once they wake up they can't remember anything that has happened to them. It's kind of hard to go to court with no memory of what happened. The guy who put the Roofie in the drink will almost surely get off on the charge because there is usually no evidence of what happened. The court hears only the victim's testimony of a faint, if available, memory.

One female Butler student learned the hard way. "I was at a party and I guess this guy I was dating slipped one into my drink when I wasn't looking. I couldn't remember a thing that happened, except that I had this incredible headache. I really didn't know what to do about it, so I didn't do anything about it. That guy never called me again, I was glad...and mad."

A tip: Remember to always keep a watchful eye on your beverages, and it would probably be a good idea to get your own drinks when you're out partying instead of letting someone else get them for you. The use of this drug has become common place, even here in Kansas, so just be alert and don't think it can't happen to you.





Thunder struck

By Kristy Egbert

Most college students finish up their day of classes by heading off to their full- or part-time jobs. Usually the main jobs students have deal with retail, or food and waitressing, either in a restaurant or fast food establishment. But on occasion some students are lucky enough to have an interesting and unique job that they don't dread going to. Butler freshman Brock Hayes is one of those lucky few.

Hayes is the assistant athletic trainer and massage therapist for the Wichita Thunder hockey team. He has been working with Wichita Thunder for two years now. His job basically consists of stretching and massaging the players before the games, sometimes during the games, and of course, after. He usually spends five to 10 minutes on each guy. "The team usually comes in to have their legs and backs worked on. I also work on the other doctor, staff, family and friends," Hayes says.

During the game Hayes sits in the stands, unless he's needed in the box, then he will go down to the box to stretch the guys out and work on hamstrings.

"Brock does an excellent job. He usually had guys waiting in line. His job is quite important because the body is made up of muscles," says Wichita Thunder team physician Dr. James Hay. "The players get stiff and aching muscles, so what Brock does for the team is really important. He is extremely professional and it is quite a joy to work with him."

Brock also does ultrasound, electric stim, wrapping and taping.

"I think the best thing is that I get to work

with the doctors, trainers and coaches and they talk to me as an equal. They don't talk down to me. They respect me and don't think of me as a dumb punk kid with tattoos and earrings," Hayes insists.

As long as it doesn't interfere with school, Hayes travels on the road trips. He also has his picture taken with the team at the team photoshoots. Hayes hasn't had his picture taken as much as he has in the last year in his whole life.

Wichita Thunder's Head Coach Brian Wells says Brock is just like one of the players. "He comes along to everything, does his job and works hard. He is extremely helpful. When the guys play a lot of games in a short time their muscles get really stiff and Brock gets them feeling back to normal."

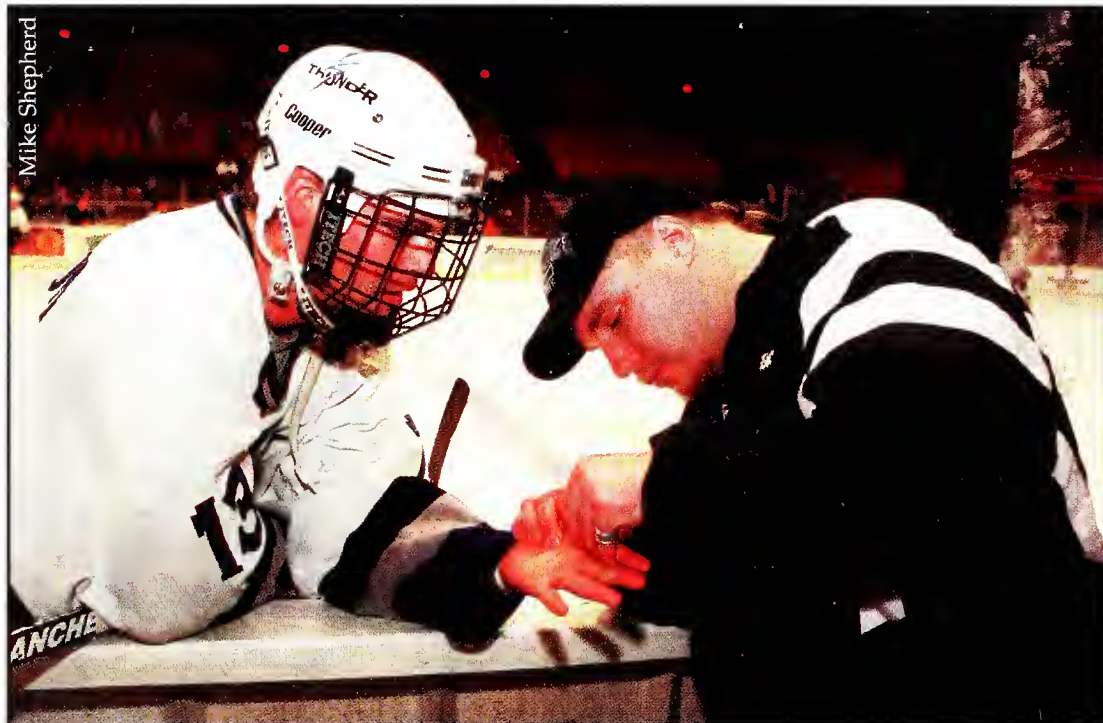
Hayes knows pain.

"When I was 16 I was roofing and fell off a three-story roof, landing on some concrete

steps. I ended up breaking my back and both legs. I was in physical therapy for about two years, and I had massage therapy four times a week. That's what got me interested in physical therapy, because my physical therapy was one of the most helpful things I went through and it helped with pain management," Hayes says.

When Hayes was younger he worked as a dishwasher and a busboy at a restaurant. He also did crowd control for about eight years at concerts and bars. He went on the road with Silverchair as a bodyguard, and he's also worked at the Coliseum, the Cotillion, the Cowboy and

To the right, Hayes helps one of the Thunder players remove a splinter from his hand during pre-game warm ups. Below, Hayes attends to his regular duties before games, which include stretching players and giving them massages.





Rock Island.

Before working with the Thunder hockey team Hayes wanted to be a massage therapist for the Olympics, but once he was exposed to hockey he became hooked and would like to work with a National hockey team in the future. His plans for the immediate future are not set yet. Right now he's looking at four different universities. He's going to be checking out the University of Michigan, the University of Nebraska, the University of Colorado and the University of Denver. Brock's dream is to work in the NHL with the Colorado Avalanche, but he would take any NHL team, he says he wouldn't be picky. He plans on staying at Butler until he gets offered something else.

Wichita Thunder Trainer George Bullock, Jr., says Brock is thorough and knowledgeable about what he does. "He is a good massage therapist, and he's getting the athletic training side of it. Sometimes I come to him and ask him

Brock Hayes has to use the time in between his classes to study for an Anatomy and Physiology test, as seen here in the Student Union. Late night hockey games tend to cut into his study time, but he really doesn't mind, because he knows that working with the Thunder will help his chances of landing his dream job.

about what he thinks when I'm working on the guys. It's good to have someone with a fresh perspective. Brock is a great asset to the team, he's open and always there to help on the road."

Brock Hayes obviously likes his work. "It's one of the funnest jobs that I've had and I like traveling with them. Before I started working with the Thunder I had never been to a hockey game, now I'm hooked," Hayes says.

For Kristy Egbert's last magazine story, she got a tattoo. This time she only spent two minutes in the penalty box for high sticking.



Saving rain forests

Two instructors work to educate students about conservation.

By Ella Siemers

Even here at Butler County, there are those who worry about the fate of the rainforests in Central and South America.

"Of all the ecosystems, the two disappearing at the most rapid rate are the rain forests and the wetlands," Tonya Kerschner, instructor of biological sciences, says. "Not only are they disappearing the fastest, but they're also the most productive. It's a home for the species that are there. By saving the rainforests, we save drugs and medicines, spices, dyes, flavorings and seasonings, such as chocolate and gum. There are chemicals and plants with many uses that haven't even been found yet."

Experts say the rainforest has about four-fifths of the world's vegetation, and is home to about 30 million species. It is estimated that people are cutting 57 acres of tropical moist forest globally every minute of every day. This equals approximately 19 million trees daily. Since the year 1600 and the present day, the planet has lost 83 species of mammals, 113 species of birds, and 384 kinds of vascular plants.

Although many higher-profile conservation groups work to save various ecosystems and species, the biology department at Butler has been doing

its part as well. Dr. Bill Langley and Tonya Kerschner began donating funds to rainforest conservation in 1989. The first 1.5 acres of land saved was in the Monteverde Conservation League in Costa Rica.

Langley's and Kerschner's interest really kicked off when they saw a video on the rainforests. The video

dents started," Kerschner says.

"Recycling has to become a habit. Society has to learn to conserve and recycle."

For the first year and a half, the department worked with the World Wildlife Federation. The department was notified of the Federation through a magazine advertisement.

nance. If it isn't designated, then the money goes to help run the organization. They are really dedicated to keeping land for land and natural purposes."

About two years ago, the BCCC biology department started selling T-shirts from the Earth Foundation, a organization that originates through the Nature Conservancy. The selling of T-shirts is strictly volunteer. The T-shirts cost about \$13 a shirt. Three dollars of the price goes towards the rain forests. The price for rainforest land is about \$30 an acre.

The biology department tries to send in a donation of at least \$1,000 a year. It takes about two semesters and a summer to raise the funds. From 1989 to 1997, the biology department has raised a total \$10,969; \$9,511 from cans and \$1,458 from T-shirts. The money has bought a total of 335.1 acres of land.

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-Tonya Kerschner

was about a man who was trying to raise funds for a park to re-establish deforested land. Butler donated the last 10 percent of the funds for the Guanacaste Park, also in Costa Rica.

"We wanted the students to have to do something to raise the money," Kerschner says. "We didn't want them just to donate it. With collecting aluminum cans, it cuts down on the natural resources used. There is less energy used and less cost. It encourages recycling and it keeps the cans out of the landfills. Plus, it heightens student awareness environmentally in a global perspective. It's something we all can do."

Students earn two bonus points per pound of cans donated, up to 50 points. Since the BCCC Adopt-An-Acre program was initiated in 1989, biology students have collected 45,704 pounds of cans that have resulted in the purchase of rainforest acreage in Costa Rica, Brazil, Paraguay, Guatemala, Belize, and Bolivia.

"The bonus points are to get stu-

The department decided to switch to the Nature Conservancy program in 1990-1991 after the Guanacaste Park project.

Nature Conservancy works only in conservation of land. The Conservancy buys the land and Butler helps to reimburse it for the purchase. The Adopt-An-Acre program is specifically for rainforest conservation. The Conservancy has backing both monetarily and politically.

"They have the ability to buy large quantities of land," Kerschner says. "They have a good track record that's documented, not only with rainforests, but with all kinds of land. All of the money, if it's designated, goes to the rainforest, either for purchasing it or for mainte-

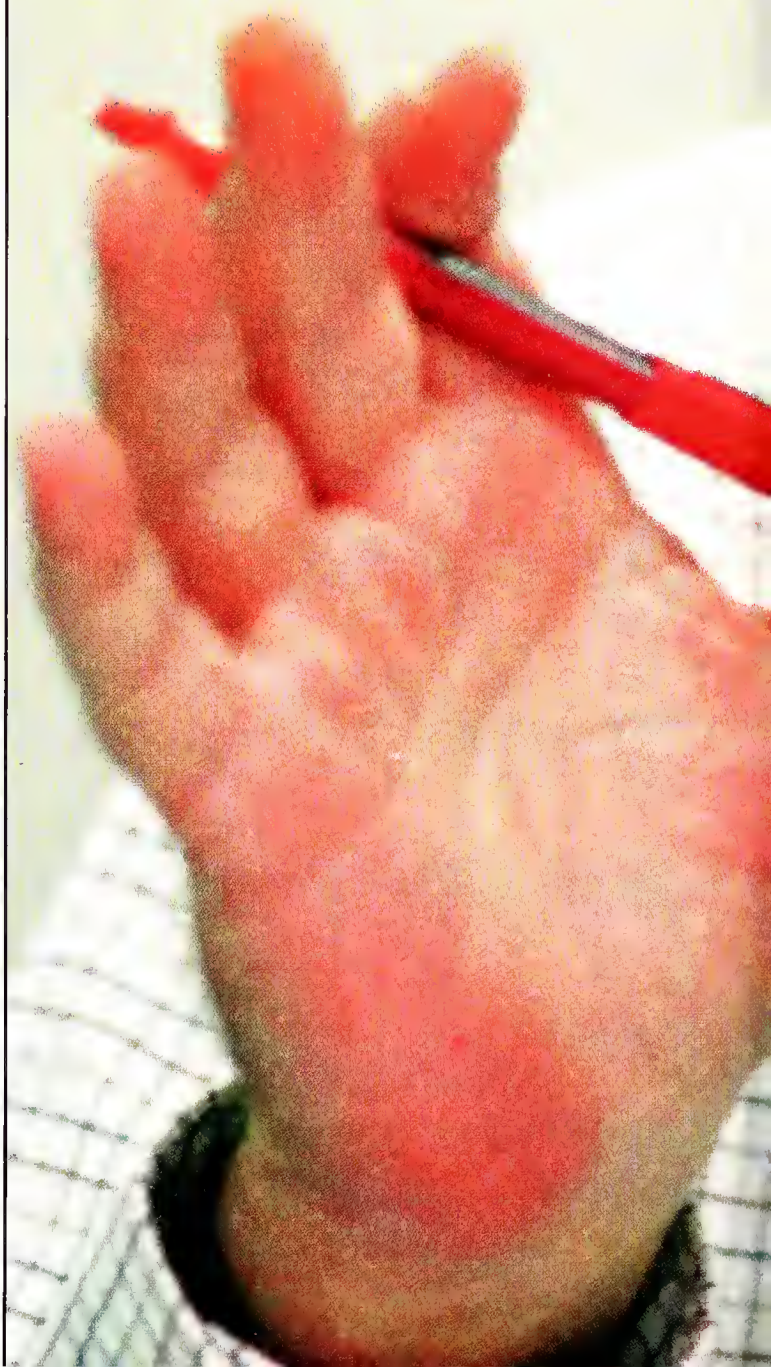


In different buildings throughout the Butler campus there are can receptacles that Adopt-an-Acre uses.

Lookin for answers

By Mike Shepherd

Gone are the days when Butler Board of Trustees' meetings came and went without major incident; things have changed. For the past several months, they have been somewhat of a spectacle as tension and tempers have flared over the future of the college. The issue of financing out-of-county students, along with conflicting personalities and agendas, have been at the forefront. And in the middle of it all: Trustee J.W. McFadden of Augusta.





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Chairman Gayle Krause



"The inequity doesn't lie with the students. (It) comes from Topeka with the amount of state aid we get."

Trustee Steve Pershall



"I don't want to argue about which numbers are right. We're never going to get to the right answer."

Trustee Jim McFadden



"It would seem reasonable to ask out-of-county students to pay more for their education."

McFadden, 55, who doesn't mind being called Jim or Bill, took over Position Five of the seven-member board in July of last year to, as he puts it, find some answers. He says the people in his Augusta-centered district, himself included, want to know why the taxation on them that supports Butler County Community College is so high when the total number of Butler County residents make up only one-quarter of the total enrollment. That mill-levy-regulated tax this year is 21.26 mills on the appraised value of property, meaning that for every thousand dollars a house is appraised at, that homeowner pays \$21.26 in taxes, revenue that comes directly to the college. For example, a \$100,000 house has \$234 in taxes for the college on it. For the year ending June 30, 1997, \$6.3 million, or 23 percent of the college's total budget, was paid to the college by county residents. There is also a smaller motor vehicle tax that, when added to this year's estimation of tax support, brings county support of the college to about 30 percent of its total revenue, according to data released from the college president's office.

McFadden simply thinks that is too much money.

"The problem I have is the name of that institution is Butler County Community College and over \$6 million is taken from the taxpayers of Butler County to support it and only 25 percent of the entire student body comes from Butler County.

"I want everyone to come to Butler County who wants to," McFadden says. "But if you come from out-of-county or out-of-state, then pay the cost of your education."

That's where the real debate begins. In the board's January work session, the board and the administration agreed that the cost to the college of one credit hour taken by a student is \$176, and that the student only pays \$106 after state aid and out-district tuition is collected — a \$70 shortfall. However, 70 percent of that \$176 are fixed costs and the other 30 percent are variable, so not every hour costs the college \$176. Nevertheless, in the fall of 1997, there were 58,182 credit hours taken at all Butler sites, and when multiplied by that hourly short-



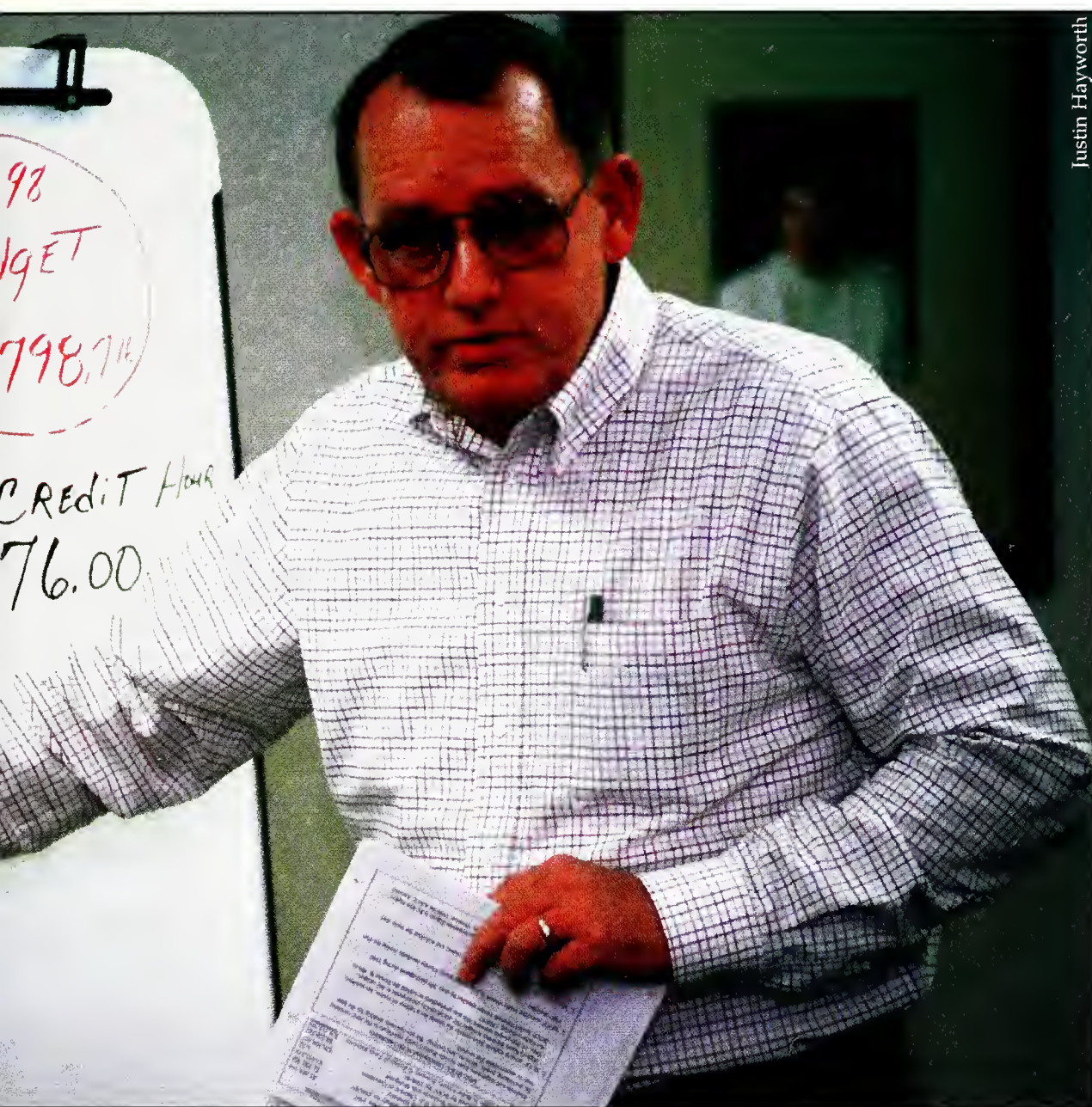
fall, equals an amount around \$4 million.

"It's unfair to ask Butler County residents to pay for it," McFadden says.

The college argues that county residents aren't. All of the college's sources of revenue are pooled into one large account and then broken down into various funds, says Chief Financial Officer Kent Williams, so it is impossible to say that any one expense is paid by one source of income.

President Jackie Vietti also says that as long as marginal revenues exceed marginal costs, then out-of-county students are beneficial to the college finances. In other words, because of the fixed-variable cost model, not every student costs the college \$176, says Trustee Steve Pershall.

"I don't want to argue about which numbers are right. Not every new student costs us \$176, however, one may cost us a new teaching position," Pershall says. He went on to say that four or five students may enroll in a



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Trustee McFadden tries to illustrate his point that Butler County residents are picking up the tab for out-of-county students at a Trustees' meeting earlier in the year.

worry about deficits. Members of the administration are cautious when they speak, knowing what they may say or ask will be scrutinized. But that's fine with him.

"I didn't run for that office to be popular, and when I leave I probably won't be popular with some people, either. That's fine, whatever," McFadden says without concern.

By the latest turn of events, McFadden isn't popular at all. On Thursday, March 5, McFadden bought ad space in the *El Dorado Times* and two other prominent county newspapers, in which he wrote a letter to the taxpayers of the county. That letter stated that Butler County residents pay \$230 per credit hour for their students and that out-of-county residents, in the form of out-district tuition, only pay \$22.50 per credit hour for their students.

"I kept hearing from the people I associate with in this district that a lot of money was going to Butler County Community College and they couldn't understand why the taxation was so high for a community college that was supposed to serve Butler County. The more I looked at it, the more I realized I wanted some answers," McFadden says.

"There's no doubt in my mind, after being here six months, that the average person in this county has no idea what's been going on. It wasn't my intention to make anybody look bad — just to inform the voters of how their money is being spent."

"I think it's reasonable to ask how much Butler County residents are paying for the college," Kent Williams says. "I wouldn't dispute his numbers, but with any analysis, you have to determine what numbers you're using."

Using calculations and models such as these are part of the problem. Information provided by either side will be misleading to a point. Pershall says that because of the nature of the business, an exact answer cannot be found. If the college asked 100 different accountants to study the budget,

class and the college wouldn't need to offer another class in that subject, whereas adding that sixth or seventh student may cause the need for another instructor.

Still, McFadden contends that all out-of-county students need to start paying their "fair share," until that \$70 shortfall is made up, regardless of marginal costs and revenues.

"Just because we have a community college in our county doesn't mean we should educate students from all over the state at our cost. If you're coming from (out-of-county), then your county or you should reimburse Butler County for the cost of your education," McFadden says. "Don't ask the taxpayers in my county to pay your bill."

Currently, three things happen when out-of-county students attend classes at Butler. The student pays his or her amount in tuition and fees, the state kicks in its legislated amount of state aid, currently at \$30.50 for each academic hour and \$45.75 for each vocational hour, and county out-dis-

trict money is paid by a student's home county, currently at \$24 for each hour.

"The state really should step in and not penalize Butler County for having a community college, but they aren't willing to do it," McFadden says.

It is McFadden's steadfast position and approach on this issue that has earned him an unfavorable reputation around campus with teachers. At board meetings, the president's eyes search the corners of the room as though she is looking for the right word to say ... or not say. A dean chuckles in disbelief as he touches his hands to his forehead. The chief financial officer, wearing his tie that looks like a big dollar bill, walks to his chair with frustration on his face, and whispers of concern roll through the audience. Leaning forward in his chair, McFadden perches himself on his forearms. With a stare that demands an answer, he scans the eyes of his fellow board members.

Teachers complain about him behind closed doors. Coaches now

there would be 100 different reports, he says.

"We're never going to get to the right answer," Pershall says.

Even if Pershall is right, it is McFadden's relentless pursuit of those answers that has caused the most heartburn with teachers, administrators, and other board members. Some have gone so far as to call him "rude," "unreasonable" and "a jerk."

"The problem is the school will present us a report and the questions asked will come right out and imply that the figures can't be right. And there's no basis for it in most cases," Chairman Gayle Krause says.

McFadden, shocked to hear what is being said about

him, insists that he isn't rude and says "there's no excuse to be rude." As for being crazy, he says with a chuckle and a grin, he's never been mentally evaluated. "I think the chairman just about always sees things the way the administration does and we should have a different philosophy."

The figures the chairman was referring to was a study released in January by

Williams. For the 1996-97 school year, the college purchased \$1.8 million in goods from county businesses and had a net payroll of \$5.6 million to county residents. Together, the direct contribution to the county economy of \$7.4 million exceeded the property tax revenue by \$1.1 million.

"I believe that these figures show that the college is a good investment for the county," Williams says. "We bring in a lot of commerce that wouldn't be here if the college wasn't (here)."

McFadden disagrees, saying that the best economic benefit to Butler County would be to let the taxpayers keep their money and spend it the way they want to.

"Don't try to sell me on economic development by taking more than \$6 million from the taxpayers and not using it the way most people in District 2 want you to use it, and that's to educate Butler County students.

"If you take our money, you're going to spend it more wisely than we do?" McFadden asks. "The numbers the administration are trying to use to support their argument, for all the benefit Butler County receives from our tax money, is a skewed report. It won't stand up, I don't think, to the light of day."

But what the people in District 2 want is unclear. According to Mike

McDermott of the *Augusta Daily Gazette*, no one has written a letter of response to him about McFadden's letter, however, he did say that the people he talks to, both personally and professionally, say that McFadden is "way off base."

Support in El Dorado is much the same.

"My husband and I feel as bad as anyone when we look at those tax statements. Yet, when I look around

your campus and realize what my tax dollars are doing, I'm so proud and so thankful," Lorraine Maus of El Dorado says. "I think I'm certainly getting my money's worth."

"I've seen what this school has done and I am very proud. As one taxpayer of this county, I want us to keep going and don't want to pay any less money if that means programs are cut," Paul Hull of El Dorado says. His speech, which was followed with strong applause from the audience during the public comments portion of the March board meeting, he says, was motivated by the letter McFadden wrote and published in the newspapers. "I'm so perturbed about what has been put forward that I was

**"I don't expect the majority of the board to always agree with me, but I'll be damned if I'm not going to speak my mind."
-J.W. McFadden**



compelled to come tonight. I would certainly hate to see this community get caught up in tax dollars to do anything that might hurt the institution."

What all of this boils down to is a difference of philosophy between a conservative businessman and more liberal educators. McFadden says he wants to see the expenses of the college paid for by whoever is using it, with any tax money being used efficiently, and the administration and other board members say they want to offer the highest level of education at the lowest cost to the student.



"We differ some on the board about which is most important, that we protect the student from high tuition or protect the taxpayer from a high mill levy. But that's part of our charge to try to be as frugal as possible and still maintain that quality that Butler County is known for," Krause says. "That's my aim; to maintain that quality."

"I think I'd be safe in saying that everybody on the board would like to see the mill levy lowered. But ... how far can we go with that and what else might suffer? I'd like to see the mill

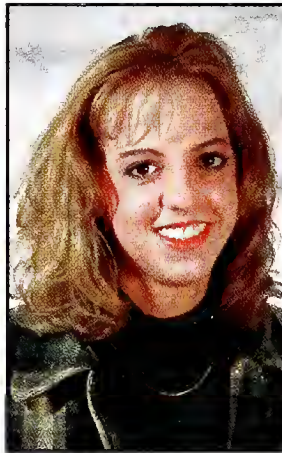
levy lowered, but I'd really like to see tuition lowered. I think students pay more than their fair share to go to school here."

That may be, but Trustee J.W. McFadden of Augusta isn't backing down.

"I'm not bashful and I'm not going to be. Anybody who wants to call me up and ask me a question, I'll gladly answer it. I don't have a hidden agenda. I don't know of anybody in that institution that I don't like," McFadden says.

"There's nothing personal about it; it's strictly business."

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El Dorado freshman
Bartel, Angela
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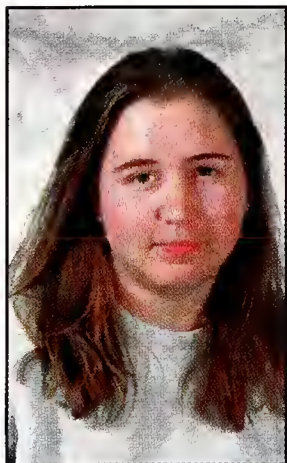
Grizzly Spotlight

Butler fans cheer on the men's basketball team during the Region VI tournament at Wichita State. Despite the enthusiastic fan support, the Grizzlies fell to Seward County, 70-65, in the championship game. Photo by Mike Shepherd

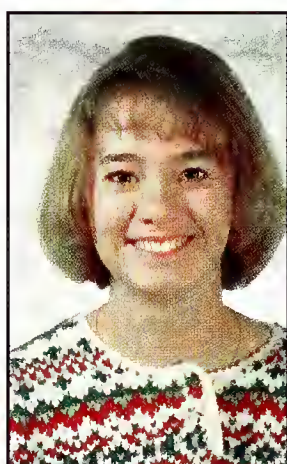




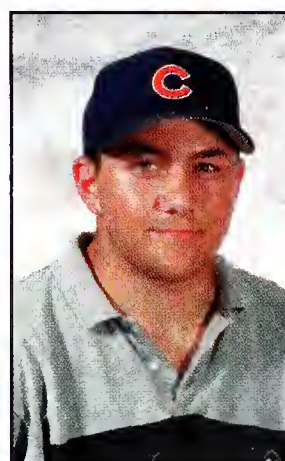
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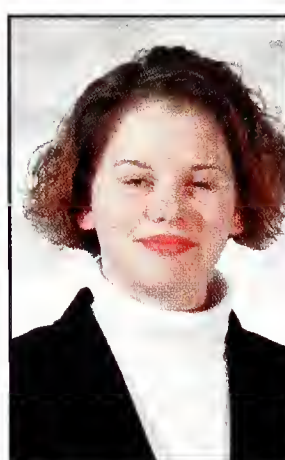
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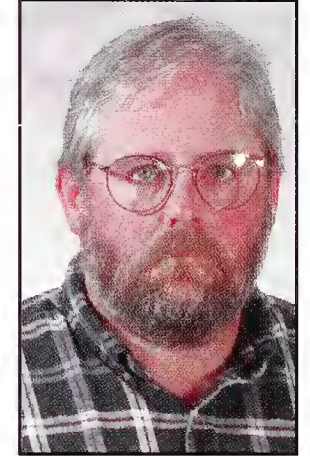
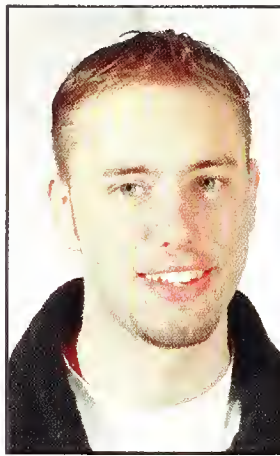


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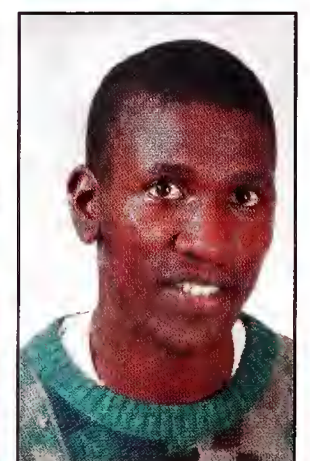
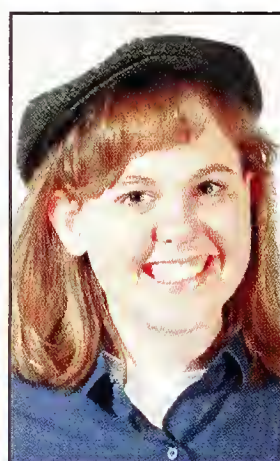
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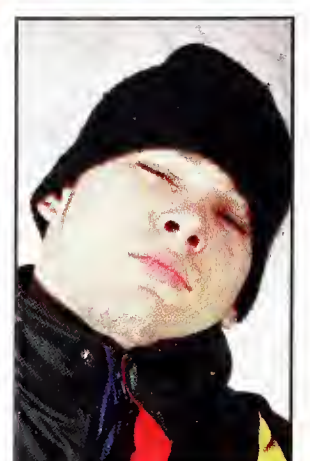
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Pond, Jim
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Pressley, Bobby
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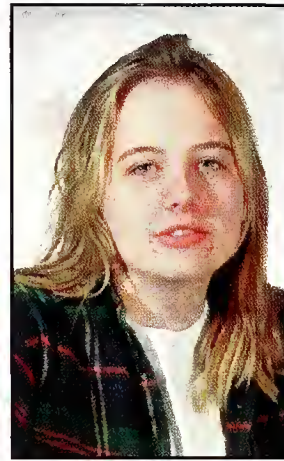


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Train, Amy
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Vinson, Tina
Eureka sophomore
Walker, Kesha
Wichita freshman





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Wiley, Victoria
El Dorado freshman
Winsler, Ryan
Newton freshman
Young, Katie
Wichita freshman



Grizzly Spotlight

Custodian Alan Busse sweeps around
an exhibit in the art gallery.

Photo by Mike Shepherd





Kesha Walker goes up for a shot over Coffeyville's Dana Kelley in the Grizzlies quarterfinal game in the Region VI tournament at Levitt Arena in Wichita. The Ladies lost the game 76-50.

Shelly Bartelson grabs a rebound over a Allen County opponent in the Power Plant. The Lady Grizzlies won the game 68-57.



The future looks bright for Lady Grizzlies

A promising season ends abruptly and prematurely in the Region VI tournament

By Randy Smith

The Butler County Lady Grizzlies had a successful 1997-98 campaign. Despite suffering injuries early in the season, the Grizzlies fought back, pulling out vigorous wins and playing exciting basketball. The women made an early exit from the Region VI tournament, losing to eventual champion Coffeyville, but not before making some noise in the Jayhawk West.

Injuries, inexperience, and tough competition got the Lady Grizzlies off to a rocky 7-5 start. In the third game of the season, St. Francis sophomore Carrie Duquette was lost for the season with a knee injury. Wichita freshman Kesha Walker missed the first five games with a stress fracture. With Duquette out, Butler County only had one sophomore, Maria Camacho. The Grizzlies were playing with a freshman squad. In one stretch against non-conference foes, Butler County lost three games in a row

(Coffeyville, Cowley County, and KCK).

Once the conference season began, the Grizzlies had regained health, and most importantly, found confidence. They tore through the opening portion of their schedule by winning the first five games against Jayhawk West opponents. Kansas City, Missouri freshman Toni Herriford and Camacho led the Butler County attack.

On the road and fighting off a tough Cloud County squad, Herriford put up what had to be the toughest effort of the year. In the last minute of the contest in Concordia, Herriford took two hard fouls, which prompted an outrage from the Grizzly bench. Both times, she picked herself off the floor, went to the foul-line, and nailed both free-throws. Butler County escaped with a 55-49 victory.

Camacho was a factor inside throughout the whole season, dominating opponents inside and at the foul line. The Santa Fe Springs sophomore was the leading scorer in 30 of 32 games. Just to give an example of her dominance, there were only two games during the season in which Camacho never reached double-digits in the point category.

Two road losses to Seward County and Hutchinson set the Grizzlies back. Down in Liberal, playing close for one



Butler's April Davis, left, and Kesha Walker, right, dive for a loose ball in a mid-season game at Hutchinson.



In the above photo: Davis, and Walker hit the floor chasing the loose ball.
To the right: Davis, and Walker reach for the loose ball.



half was not good enough to take out the Lady Saints. Coach Toby McCammon's team was exposed to a hard press against Hutch, which led to numerous turnovers.

But the ladies fought back and put together another winning streak to start the second half stretch. Three key road wins against Pratt, Barton County, and Dodge City boosted the morale of the team. Against Cloud County and Dodge, freshman April Davis sparked the Grizzlies by playing tenacious defense and averaging 16.5 points.

After five straight victories, Seward County ended the fun once again. This time at the Power Plant, the Saints came marching in and ended the streak, beating Butler County by five. That was the closest a Jayhawk West team came to beating the Saints as they did not lose a conference game all year. Hutchinson had Butler's number again in the regular season finale, in a game that was also played in El Dorado. Led by a 21-point effort by Wichita freshman Kristy Tabor, the Grizzlies fell short to the Dragons, 59-58.

Once the post-season started, Butler County found themselves playing an unfamiliar opponent in Labette. With a third place 12-4 finish, the Grizzlies hosted an opening playoff game against the Cardinals. The Grizzlies held off a late second-half Labette attack, and moved on to the second round in Wichita.

At Henry Levitt Arena, the Grizzlies fell hard to a tough Coffeyville team. Butler County tried to keep pace with the Red Ravens, but inside play killed the Ladies, and the game finally concluded in a 76-50 defeat.

The Grizzlies will be strong next year as Duquette will return after her knee injury. The word is McCammon is signing two post players to give Butler County a double attack along with Duquette. With Herriford, Davis, and Tabor returning, the offense will be strong and a vocal

Walker will provide the leadership on the court. As always, the defense will be the main asset to this team, as McCammon's clubs are always found in the nation's top ten in defense. Butler County should be early favorites on top of the Jayhawk West next season, and look for big things to happen.



Top photo: Toni Herriford pulls down a rebound over a Hutch opponent in the Lady Grizzlies road game in Hutch. Herriford was a major key in the Grizzlies' success this season..

Left photo: Head coach Toby McCammon argues with a referee during the Lady Grizzlies' game against Coffeyville in the Region VI tournament.



Lights, Camera, Action

The plot thickens in Eck's second season as coach

By Randy Smith

In the year of the *Titanic*, I feel that reviewing the 1997-98 Butler County mens basketball seasons as a movie is best. This was the only way I felt that it could be described.

In this movie, we find Steve Eck (*Titan of the South*) coming off his first season as the Grizzlies' head coach. Butler County has just finished its 1996-97 season, in which they lost the Region VI championship to Hutchinson. Through multiple injuries, tough defeats, and high expectations, Coach Eck's squad still focused on one goal: the NJCAA Basketball Tournament.

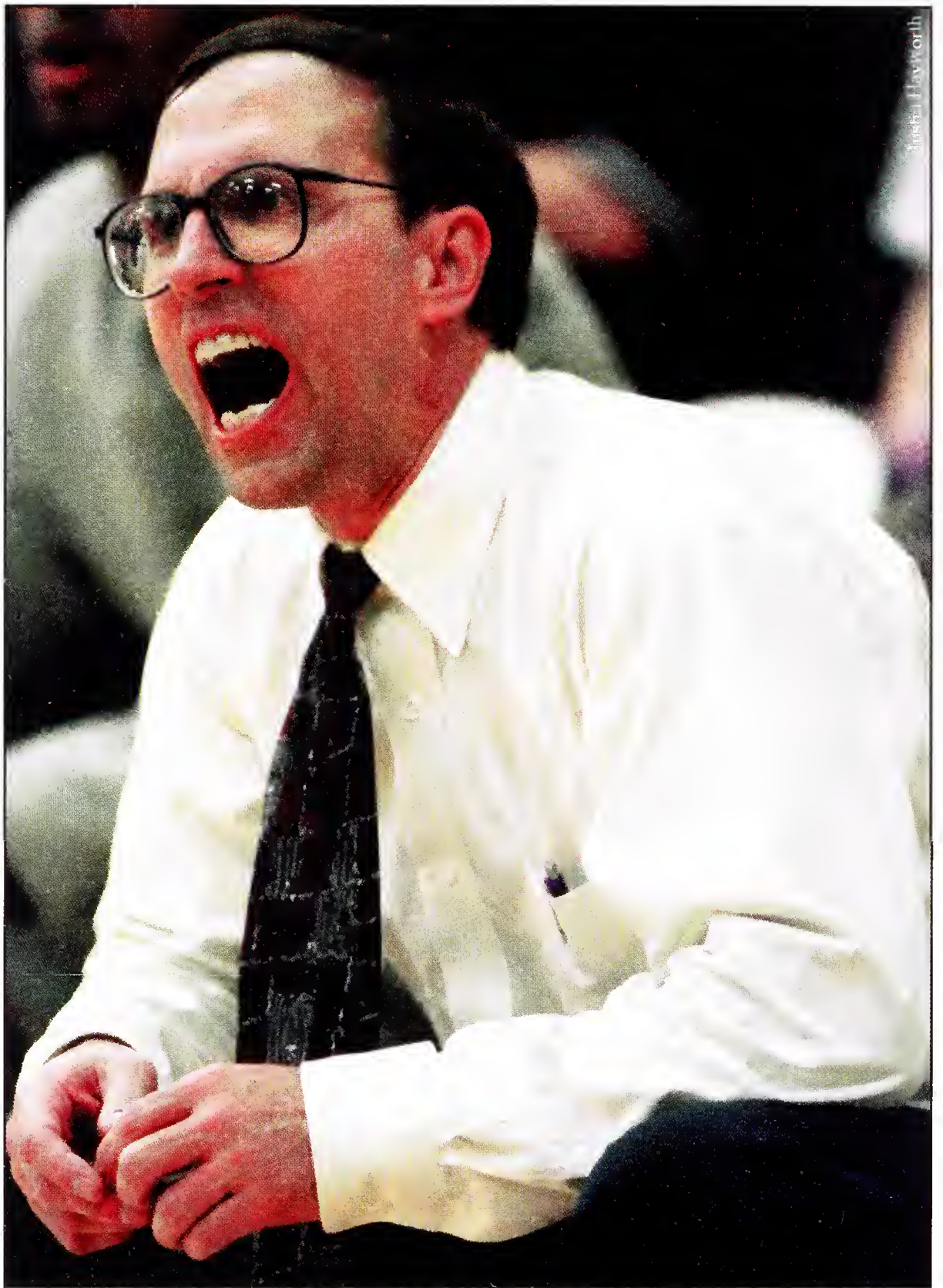
What creates the twist is that Eck begins his sophomore campaign after a 29-5 season, a top 10 nationals ranking throughout the regular season, and losing All-America Lee Nailon (*To Butler, With Love*) to Division I. Eck returns two sophomores, Wichita's Tyrone Brown (*Frequent Flyer*) and Augusta native Lucas Sims (*The Net*).

Join the 97-98 Grizzlies as they are good *Nice Guys Hunting* that *Wag* the regular season, but leaving the post-season *Confidential*. The unexpected happens just when you think it is as good as it gets.

LIGHTS...

CAMERA...

ACTION...



Head coach Steve Eck yells instructions to his players from the bench during a game against Hutchinson at the power plant, which they lost. In his second year as head coach Eck led the Grizzlies to an 24-10 overall record and into the championship game of the Region VI tournament for a second straight year.

Coming attractions.

As the start of the basketball season approaches, Butler County has high expectations. Predicted fourth in the NJCAA preseason poll, the Grizzlies are expected to run away with the Jayhawk West crown. Never mind the fact

that they have a team full of first-year players. The team has three redshirts who are familiar with the program: Antonio *Call Me Tony* Jackson, of Huntsville, Ala.; Tolanda Charles, *The Defensive Specialist*, of Wichita; and Jamar Gaither of Greenbelt, Md.

The 97-98 season starts in fine fashion. Mineral Area, ranked 10th in the preseason poll, becomes Butler's first victim. Two wins against Brown Mackie and Labette follow. Suddenly, the Grizzlies are erupting out of the gate with a 5-0 record and enjoying life on the hard court. But nothing could prepare them for what was about to happen.

"If you buzz it, you will lose..."

Non-conference foes Coffeyville and Cowley County appear on the schedule. Both games were scheduled to be played in Arkansas City, Cowley's home court. The Coffeyville game reveals a weak Butler defensive team. Something is not right here. You notice Gaither, a 6-9 starting center, in street clothes. Did we mention that he red-shirted the year before because of an injury? Tony Jackson makes you forget about Gaither with a 31-point performance against Coffeyville, but the Grizzlies suffer their first loss of the season.

The next night, Cowley has its way with Butler County as the Tigers appear to dunk the ball from every direction. Just when you think the purple and gold squad is in striking distance, the margin becomes larger. A crucial play on this night came when Butler had the chance to take the lead. Cowley has the ball with the shot clock winding down...3...2...a shot goes up, but is not even close to Jason Fullen tries to keep the ball away from Neosho County's Jeremy Holmes during the Grizzlies second round Region VI playoff game at Levitt Arena.



touching the rim...1...the Tigers grab the loose ball...35...34...33...

HEY! Wait a minute! If I'm not mistaken, if a team with possession of the basketball does not hit the rim within 35 seconds, a shot clock violation should be called and the defensive team receives the ball...right? Eck argues the call, screaming at the referees, while the shot-clock operator has a devilish grin on his face. The call stands, the Grizzlies lose momentum, and eventually all is lost.

Suddenly the final buzzer sounds and Cowley County is celebrating like it won the NBA Championship. Orange and black fills the floor, while the Grizzlies try to escape. Eck has lost back-to-back games for the first time in his coaching career (junior high, high school, and junior college). The guys are in need of a vacation. These guys need



Neil Chadderdon goes to the basket for an easy layup in the Grizzlies first round Region VI playoff game against Allen County at the Power Plant.

a break. They really need a break.

***National Lampoon's Vacation* on special location in Glendale, Ariz....**

The next day, the Griswalds, uh, the Grizzlies, loaded up the vans from the Butler of El Dorado campus. Getting out of Butler County sounded good. Fleeing the state of Kansas sounded better. Nothing like not being home for the holidays, as the Grizzlies had a hot date already planned. Thanksgiving was going to be spent in warm weather...in Arizona. Eck wanted to make sure the players got over the bus lag before play started in Glendale's

Valley of the Sun tournaments scheduled for Wednesday, therefore the reason to leave Sunday.

Arriving in Phoenix on a Monday morning, stopping only for food and gas, the team needed to get loose. They held a Tuesday afternoon practice and everything appeared to be going smoothly until Kevin Robinson, a Greenbelt, Md., freshman, went down with a knee injury in practice. With Gaither still out, the Grizzlies would be hurting size-wise inside for the tournament.

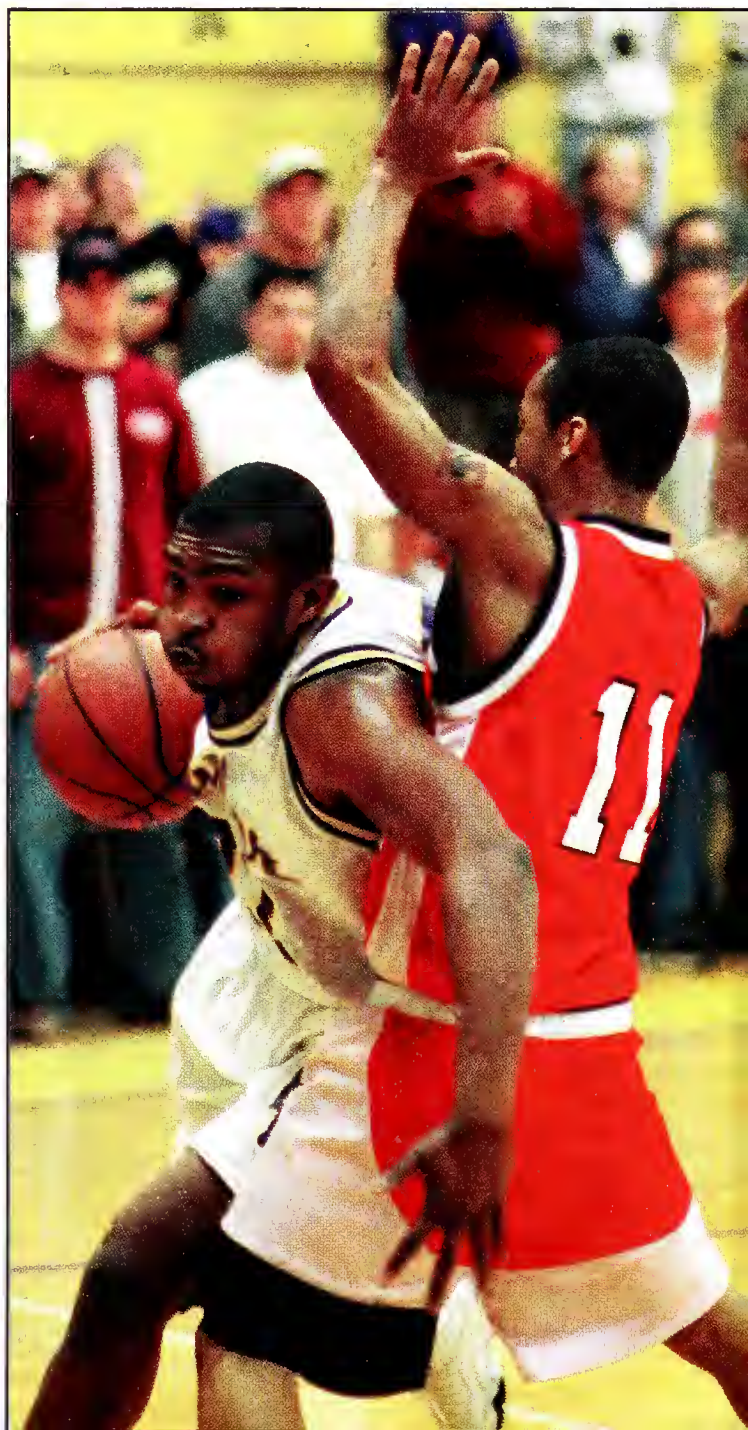
While they took vacation pictures of a 96-77 opening win over Phoenix College, an image of Tyrone Brown

bleeding from his nose somehow mistakenly got mixed up in the roll of film. You would not think that a broken nose would end up affecting his play for the rest of the season. Turkey Day did not get much better as Butler County lost a 64-62 heartbreaker to

Tolanda Charles leans around Allen County's Rudy Morrow while trying to drive the lane. Morrow was whistled for a foul on the play.



Kevin Robinson shoots over Hutchinson's Ivan Gatto (right), while being fouled from behind by John Krafels in the Grizzlies' last regular season home game at the Power Plant.



Mesa Community College, an Arizona team that would later qualify for the national tournament in March.

The Grizzlies would finish Friday defeating host Glendale 95-76, and Coach Eck noted after that game that he felt more comfortable about this team than he did with last year's team. Before the Christmas break arrived, Butler won two games at the Jayhawk Shootout in Coffeyville. The Grizzlies then wrapped up the first half of the season by getting revenge against Cowley County at the Power Plant.

All I want for Christmas is a healthy team.

Christmas came and went and Tyrone Brown felt miserable. His nose hurt and rightly so. Surgery came late for Brown with reasons unknown. Although the Wichita freshman was back in the lineup for Butler County, he could not see straight. Immediately after the injury in Arizona, Glendale trainers gave Brown a protective mask to wear for the remainder of the tournament, which blurred his vision. He went without the mask, went back into battle and scored 26 points in the Mesa loss. Back home, another mask that did not help much either, was presented to Brown. His game was affected, but the plastic cover was more of a shield to protect the nose.

Meanwhile, Jamar Gaither was still out, and his return to the court this season was questionable. Kevin Robinson came back immediately after his injury, and led the Grizzlies past the Wichita Jets with 23 points in an overtime victory to ring in the New Year. Conference wins over Pratt and Garden City gave Butler County a winning streak of seven. The Grizzlies were looking like the Grizzlies of old, but all good things must end...

Home is where the Cougars roam.

In the Nineties, the Power Plant has been nothing but friendly confines to the Grizzlies. Coming into this season, Butler County only lost six games on its home court. Steve Eck had never lost in the Power Plant as the Grizzly head coach. In a year of firsts for Eck, that would soon change.

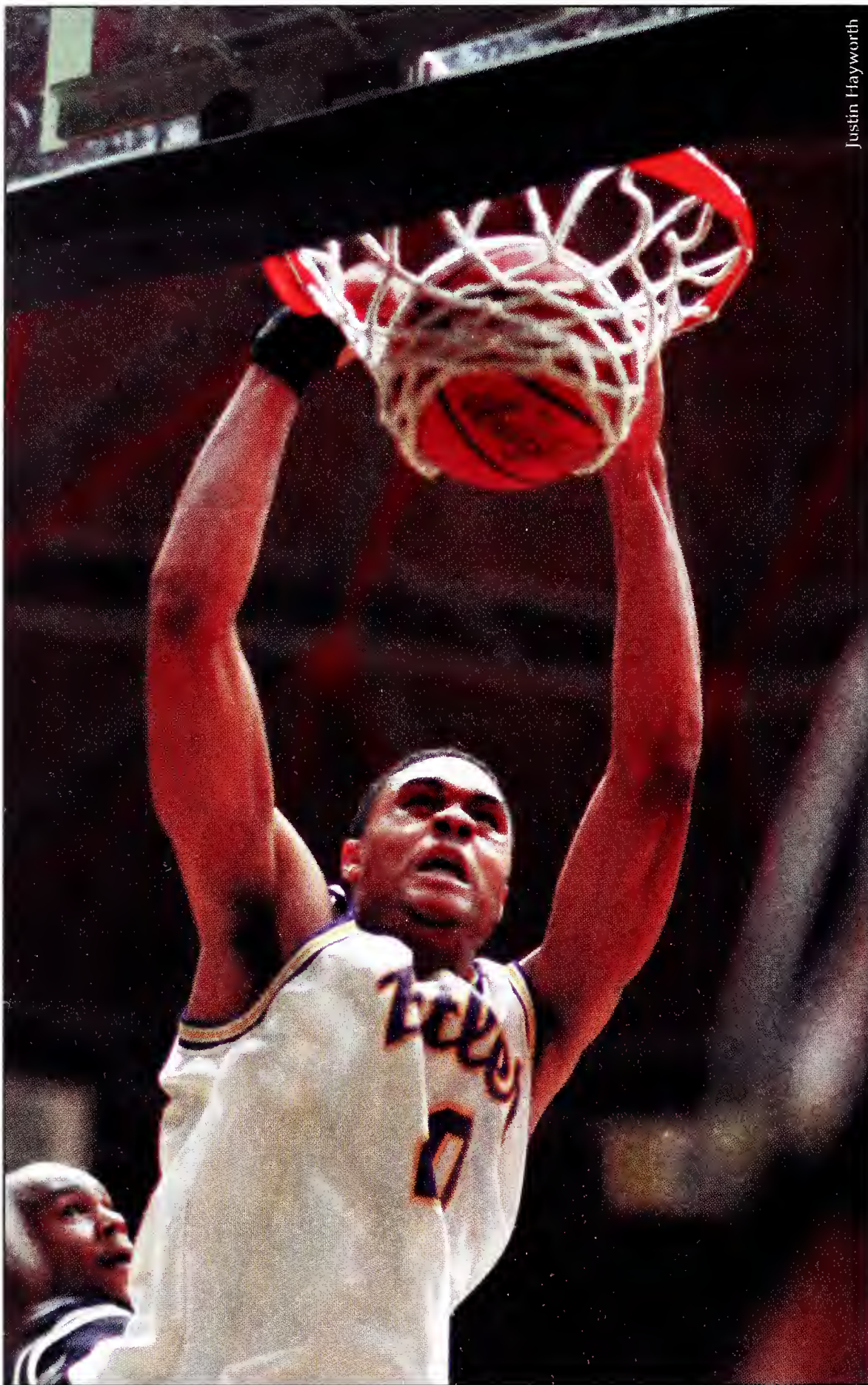
On January 14, nationally-ranked



Tyrone Brown drives around Barton County's Gordon Scott for an easy layup in the Region VI Tournament.



Lucas Sims applies defensive pressure on a Seward County ball handler. Sims was one of only two returners from the 1996-97 season.



Justin Hayworth

Kevin Robinson rocks the rim with a slam in the final minutes of the Grizzlies' semifinal game in the Region VI tournament against Barton County. The Grizzlies beat Barton to avenge a regular season loss.

Barton County rolled into El Dorado intent on putting a stop to a 27-game consecutive winning game streak. With long bombs outside the perimeter and strong inside play, the Cougars were able to do exactly as they intended. In what was an overtime thriller, they unplugged Butler County from their Power Plant chain.

It was a sign of the future. The Grizzlies put together

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two wins against Cloud County and Dodge City, but the run quickly ended. Butler County took a long, four-hour trek to Liberal looking for a much needed win in the Jayhawk West. Unfortunately, the team found themselves stuck in the middle of a gymnasium full of rabid Seward County fans, with another loss.

Colby quickly came and went, as the Grizzlies crushed the Trojans 83-47. The 36-point victory was just what the team needed heading into their battle with rival Hutchinson. Butler embarrassed the Blue Dragons on their home court last year and started to do the same with a 10-0 run. Hutch quickly responded, opening a 13-0 of their own in the second half and never looked back. With the first half of the season over, the Grizzlies stood at 16-6 overall and with an ugly 5-3 start in the Jayhawk West.

"ICEBERG! DEAD AHEAD!"

Butler opened the second half of the season with three of four victories. The one loss came to Barton County on February 9, which came as a surprise to no one. Nevertheless, their next loss did, as a pair of "strings" were not in tune.

In a shoot-around/mini-practice before the Dodge City game, 6-6 freshman William Gates injured his hamstring. Gates, a starter in 30 of the 34 games, played sparingly in the first half. Brown also went down with the same affliction. In what had to be the most disappointing loss of the season, the Grizzlies could not hit a basket in the last three minutes, thus blowing the lead

and game to Dodge City. "This is the worst I've ever felt in all my years of coaching," Eck said later, calling the loss the most frustrating of his career. With nationally-ranked Seward County coming in to tangle with the Grizzlies in one week, it was only right that Eck and his club get the hell out of Dodge.

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly...

With a week off, the Grizzlies had to get some kind of momentum going heading into the post-season. This winning one, losing one, winning two, and dropping another one, was just not going to cut it. If Butler County could somehow reel off the last three games of the season, maybe it could turn the flickering light into a burning flame.

The schedule looked bright for the Grizzlies: a pair of Saturday night home dates against Seward County and Hutchinson, with a road game at Colby sandwiched in. There was only one problem--Butler was 0-2 versus Seward and Hutch, and an easy victory against Colby suddenly looked huge as the Trojans were only a mere five-hour road trip away.

Saturday's date with Seward had arrived, and with it, Eck ditched the sweater and showed up in a suit and tie. It was the first time Eck wore a suit for a game. Suddenly, the game had new meaning. This contest was not going to decide if Butler was in the running for a Jayhawk West title. The Grizzlies already ruined that with five conference losses.

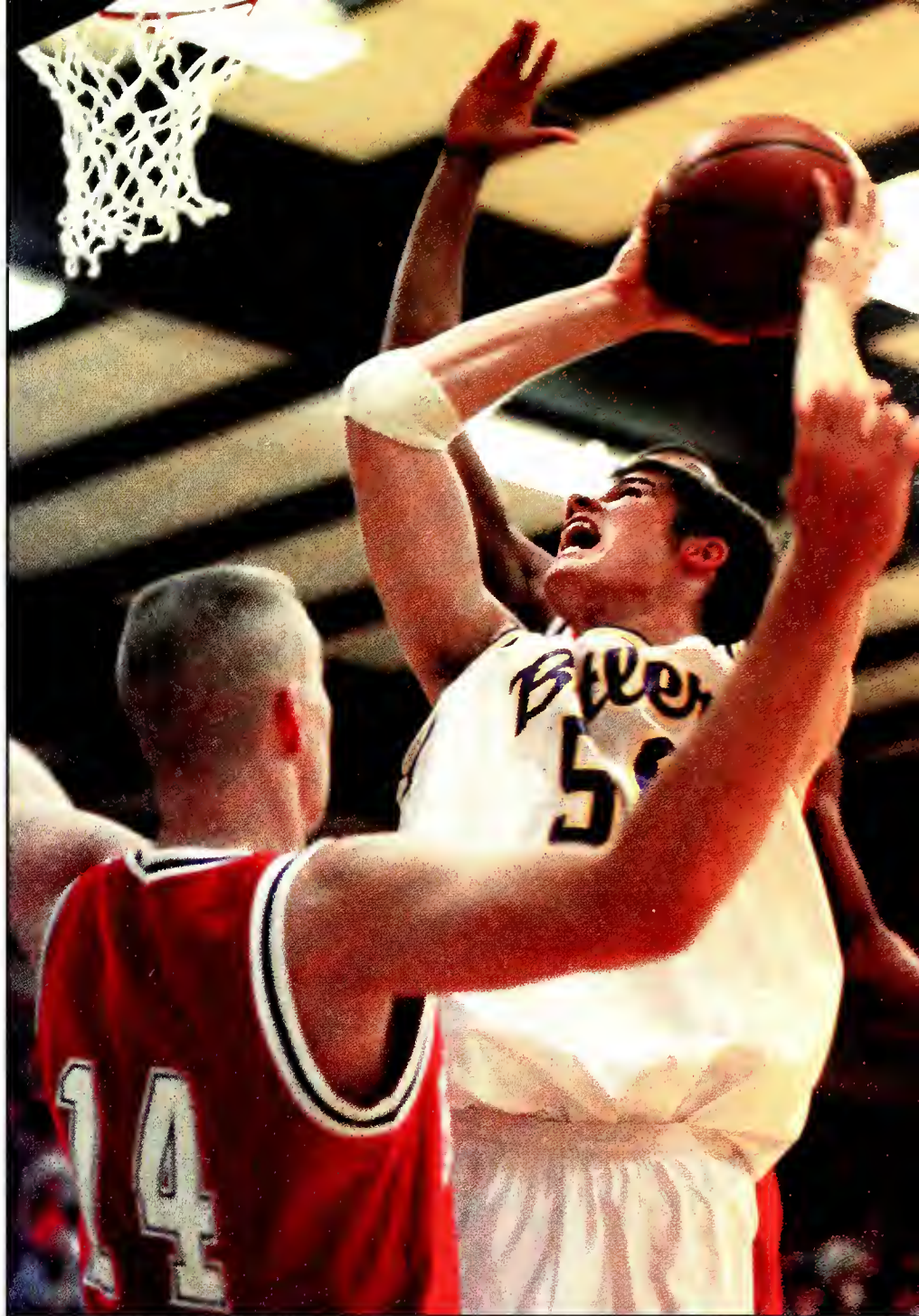
No, this game was about identity. It was bad enough that Eck & Co. were embarrassed out in Dodge. They did not want a repeat on their home court...and that repeat didn't happen! The Grizzlies cruised to a 71-60 victory and held the Saints' Kevin Houston to only eight points. It was the wake-up call that the Grizzlies needed.

The Grizzlies trounced Colby 81-70, then anxiously awaited long-time rival Hutchinson.

Butler was not going to go down without a fight. The Grizzlies led throughout most of the contest, but the team paid the price. Kevin Robinson injured his thumb. Tyrone Brown sat out with his injured hamstring, and Hutch eked out a 66-60 victory in the Power Plant, Butler's second loss at home this season and leaving the team with a collective bad taste in their mouth as post-season arrived unceremoniously.

Action Jackson.

With a first-round home playoff game against Allen County approaching, Steve Eck knew that a spark was in order for his team after getting swept by a bitter rival. The flame that was once there was barely visible. He called on Tony Jackson, the point guard who led the team in scoring. It was time the team rode on the freshman's shoulders for the Region VI tournament.



Neil Chadderon goes up strong for a basket against Allen County. Chadderon was one of the key players to come off the bench for the Grizzlies this year.

The Jayhawk Conference Freshman of the Year put on a post-season performance like no other hero could. In a 95-58 thrashing of Allen County in the opener, Jackson paced the team with 17 points. In Wichita, Jackson led the way into the second round, this time against Neosho County, the Jayhawk East champs and Region VI's number one seed. Butler County edged the Panthers 69-65, setting up a semifinal matchup with Barton County. Uh oh.

The Cougars, who swept the Grizzlies in the regular season, were favorites to win the tourney and move on to Hutch. The Jayhawk West was flexing its muscles as it had all four spots in both semifinal games. How fitting it would be for Butler to defeat teams that had the edge on them this season. To beat Barton and Hutchinson back-to-back would be sensational. No, it would be incredible!

Well, that's not the way things worked out.

The Grizzlies managed to surprise the Cougars, as they

Tolanda Charles goes up for a shot over a Seward County player in the semifinal game of the Region VI tournament at Levitt Arena in Wichita.



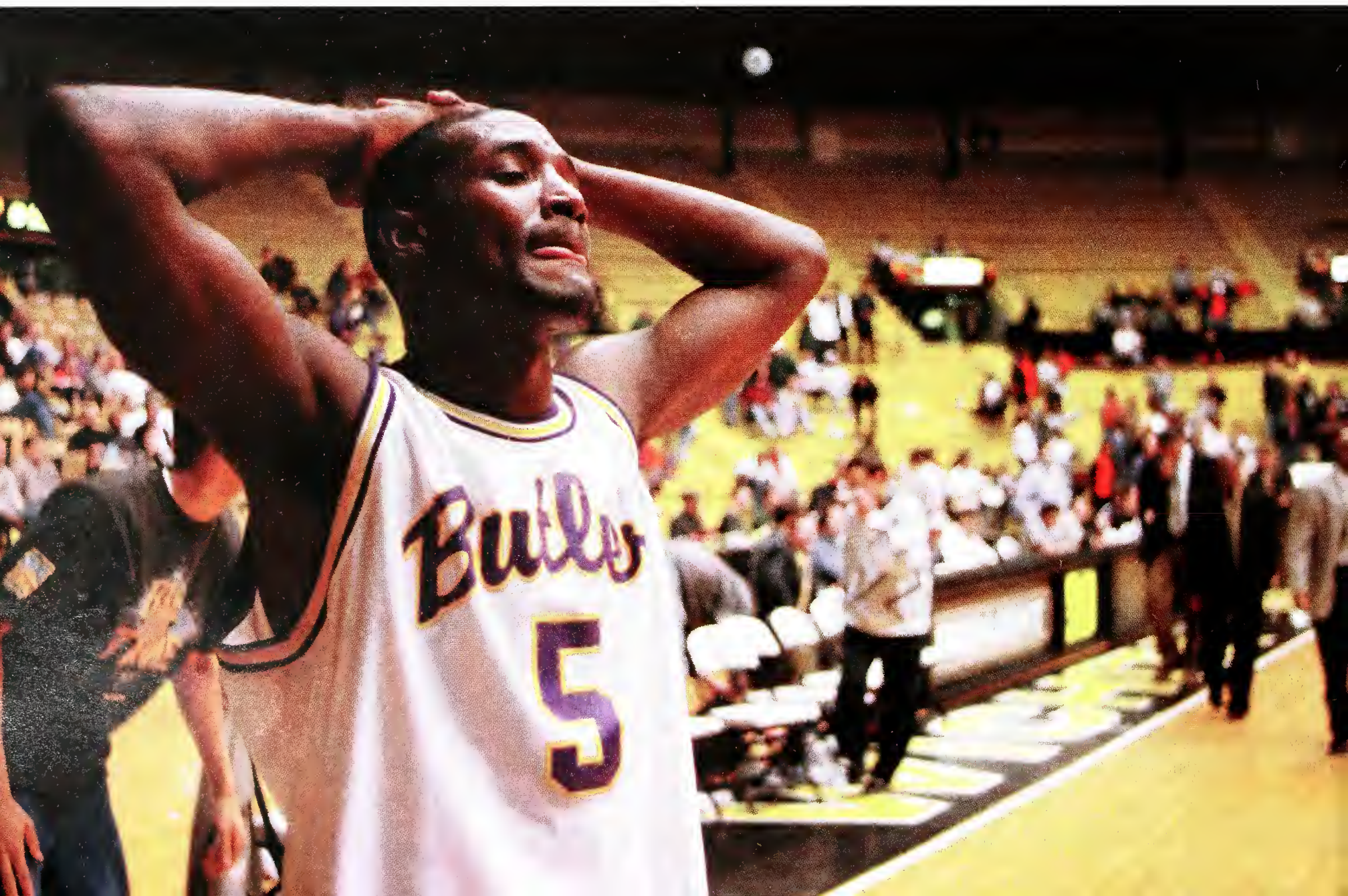
put up another second-half comeback. Both teams shot poorly in the first half, and Barton County was up by eight midway through the contest, but Barton never could find an answer for Jackson, who was throwing up prayers from way outside.

At times he was open out in no-man's land; other times there was a hand in his face. Either way, the outcome was the same. The ball went through the hoop. It was as simple as that. Jackson was taking action. With a 71-67 thriller over the Cougars, the Grizzlies were incredibly only one win away from the national tournament. The only team that stood in their way was Seward County.

When the Saints Go Marching In.

The championship game was a beauty, although the script could have been a little different. Two teams that fought hard and never gave up proved that once you are down, you are not out. Seward jumped out to a 15-point lead early in the first half. The Grizzlies battled back to a six-point deficit at halftime. Early in Round Two, Butler County took its first lead on a three-pointer from Jackson.

Tyrone Brown reacts after the Grizzlies lose to the Seward County Saints in the final of the Region VI Tournament.



Tyrone Brown came up with key baskets and a lay up by Kevin Robinson put Butler in control 60-48 with 6:56 remaining. For the moment, it looked like the Grizzlies were going to extend their season and roll into Hutchinson.

Then Seward County called a time out, gained momentum and the Grizzlies collapsed. The Saints' press forced turnovers and Seward hit gold. A 17-0 run that spanned more than five minutes gave the Saints the lead. Butler made it close, but fell short 70-65.

What a valiant effort by these "nice guys," after a regular season to forget, to dish out a post-season to remember. Tony Jackson and Kevin Robinson were named to the all-tournament team. If their final appearance in Grizzlies uniforms, Tyrone Brown and Lucas Simms combined for 25 points. Both had near flawless performances in the contest.

Could the third time be a charm?

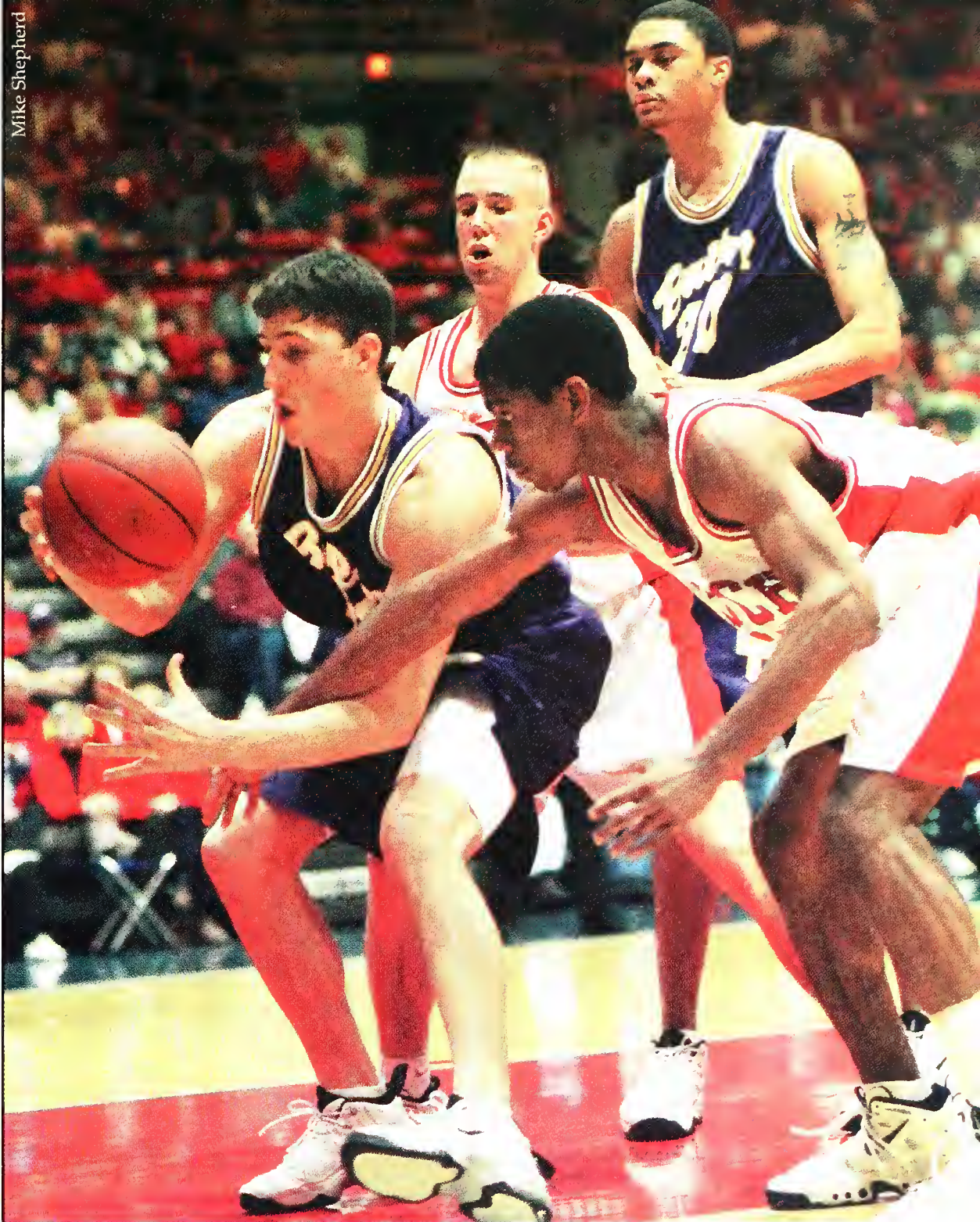
In all his years of coaching, Steve Eck has always preached defense. Defense wins championships, as often happened when he coached at South. Butler County will be more of an explosive team on offense, with their two returning leaders in points, Jackson (15.6 ppg) and Robinson (10.3), back next year.

Losing Brown and Sims will hurt the leadership of this team next year. With junior college teams constantly changing rosters, the Grizzlies will search for a leader and Jackson is the early candidate. Frankfort freshman Matt Suther is also a possibility.

Robinson played with such intensity the last five games of the season that that might be a good omen for 1998-1999. Having Gaither back next year helps in the post position with Robinson, and look for the Grizzlies to sign a few tall players to help.

Leavenworth freshman Jason Fullen will be looked upon to score points. He had the confidence late in the season to hit three-pointers when the Grizzlies needed them, especially in the Neosho playoff game where he went three-for-three. Jackson and Fullen will be outside threats.

William Gates will be one of those players who will do

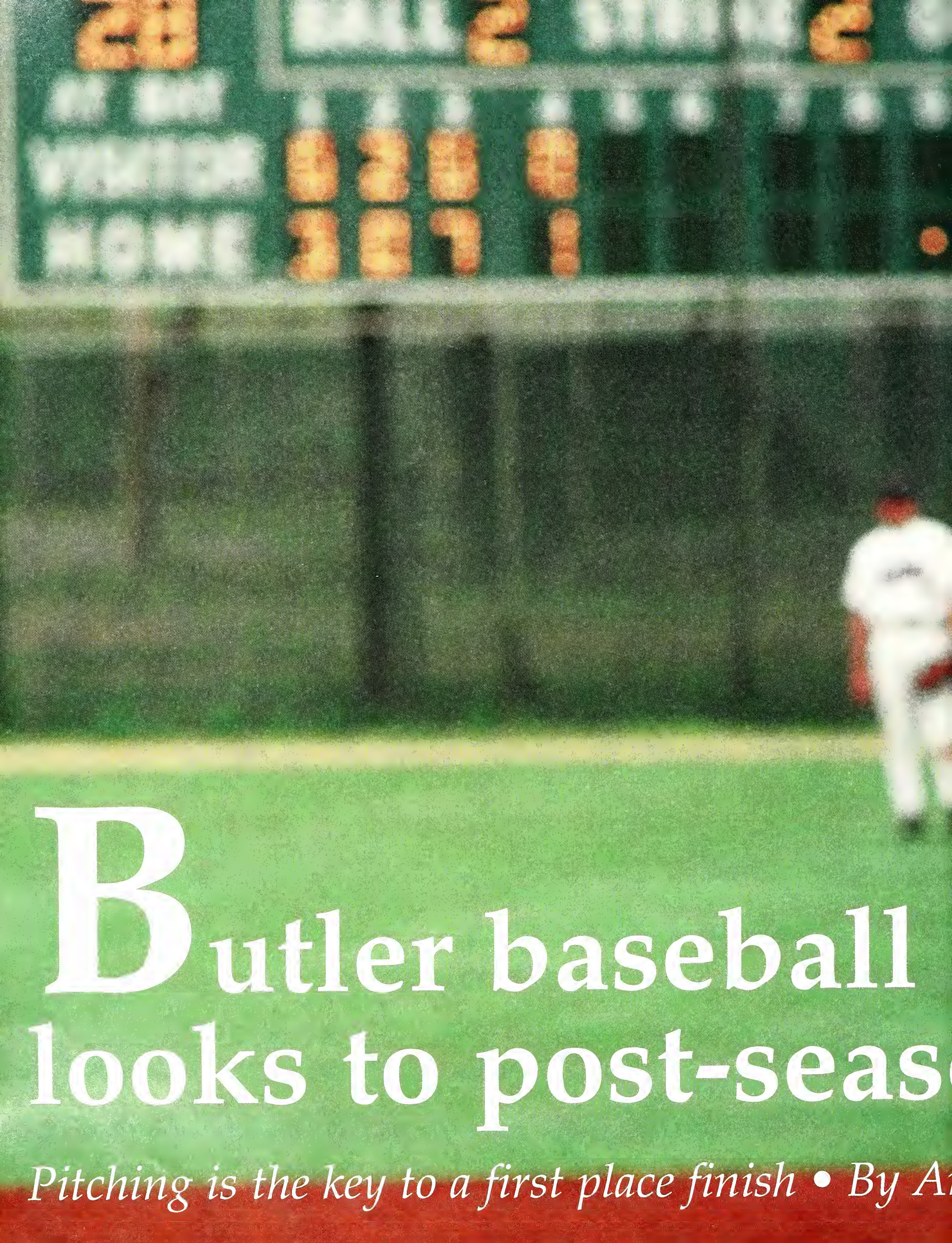


Jarrod Eck battles a Blue Dragon player for a loose ball under the basket. Butler lost the ball and the game, 72-68, in always hostile Hutchinson.

a little bit of everything, just like he did this year. At 6-6, he can block, has a nice shooting touch, and solid on defense. Speaking of defense, Tolanda Charles will continue his dominance on opposing star players.

If the Grizzlies stay healthy, they will once again start the season as the team to beat. (Sorry, Steve.) Not to play the frontrunner here, but the Grizzlies bring back talent, and that gives them the edge. Look for Butler County to be dominant next year, not dramatic, as Jackson picks up the Best Actor...er, Most Valuable Player. In the year of the *Titanic*, it's best not to abandon ship when you're talking about Butler County basketball.

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Butler baseball looks to post-season

Pitching is the key to a first place finish • By Ar

Grizzly baseball has kept itself running around like crazy this season. The men played 32 games in 27 days before they had a chance to breathe, playing only eight games in two weeks.

"We have played so many games lately that it is hard to reflect on how well we have played," baseball coach B.D. Parker says. "We have to get healthy and rested before we can put our game together."

The team will now have the chance to relax a little. The coaches can finally put their heads together and condense the pitching staff.

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Southpaw
Josh Merrigan stares in
for the sign during the
first game of a double
header with Dodge
City at McDonald
Stadium. Through the
first 48 games, the
Grizzlies were 31-17,
and in a race for
first place.



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“I didn’t expect to hit a grand slam right of the bat ... I guess luck was on my side.”
-John Rawie”

Right, short stop Tyler Dreiling turns a double play despite being taken off his feet by a Dodge City baserunner.

Below, a hustling Butler baserunner dives back into first to avoid a pick off. He was safe on the play.



At press time, Sam Gish, Meade Smith and Josh Merrigan lead the pitching staff with five, four and four wins, respectively.

Smith has an ERA of 3.21 and Hank Walton of 3.27. Gish and Smith have both racked up 28 strikeouts apiece. Gish has allowed four home runs and Smith three.

Les Graham and Josh Raiburn lead Grizzly hitters with a .434 batting average. Graham has hit eight home runs along with Kevin Murphy. Graham has shown marked improvement after not starting a game until later than expected in the season due to shoulder problems.

Butler's mid-season game against Brown Mackie gave the team a lot of chances to mark improvement. Four players managed home runs for the Grizzlies.

Tyler Dreiling and Justin McClure hit their first collegiate home runs. Graham also hit a home run. Murphy had two home runs against the Lions, managing four RBIs.

After the 11-2, 10-1 wins over Brown Mackie, the Grizzlies turned around to split with Colby, 18-15, 12-20.

Catcher Tony Nelson had not only his first career home run, but also his second. He managed eight RBIs off of his hits.

Murphy managed two home runs against Colby.

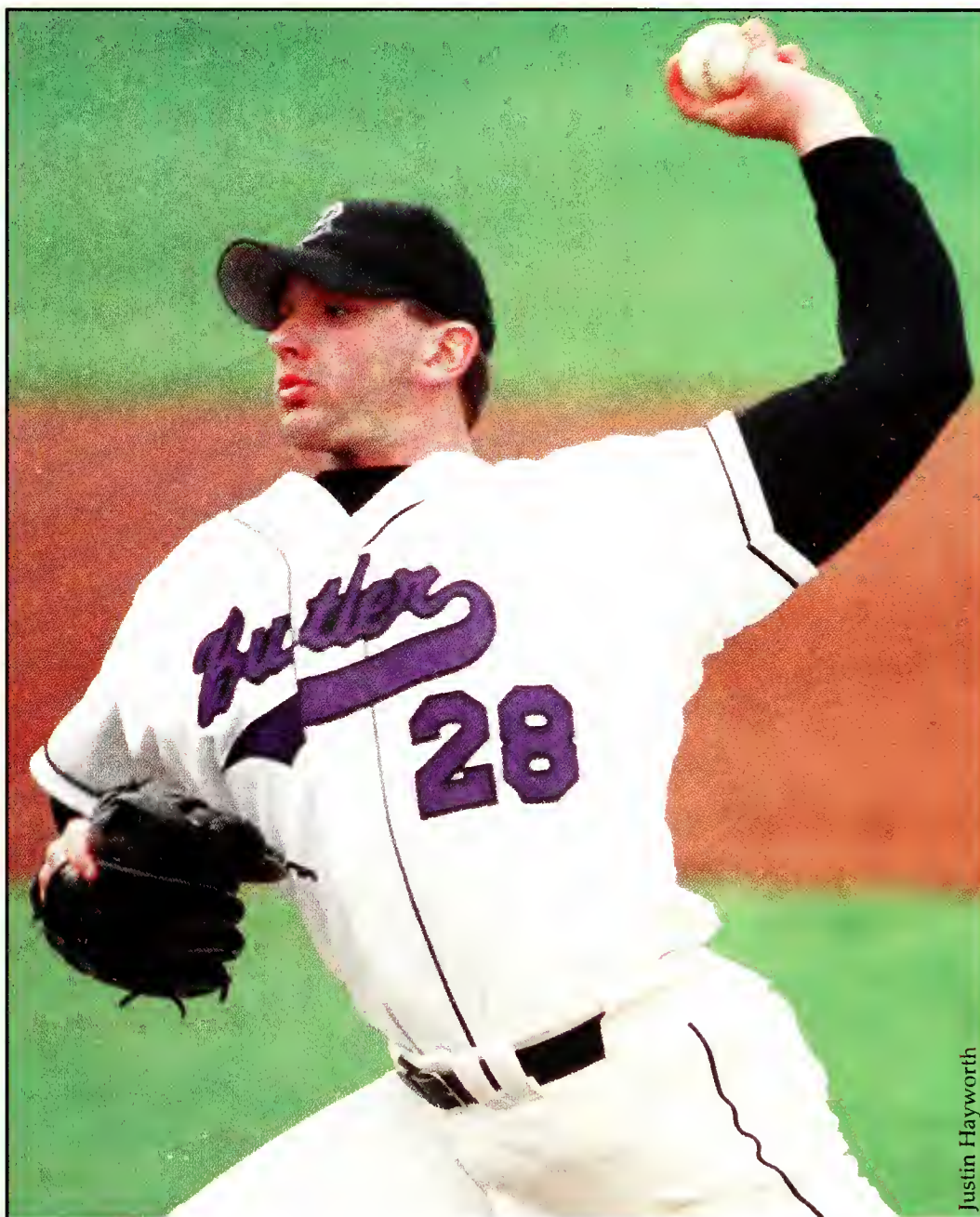
A twist of fate had left Butler's leading offensive hitter from the 1997 season injured until the April 4 game against Brown Mackie. John Rawie, who hit 18 home runs last season, was out in the first of the season with a broken ankle.

In Rawie's third game back, he was back in action. He hit a grand slam for his first home run of the year.

"It is great to be back," Rawie says. "Sitting around doing nothing for five weeks gets pretty old. I didn't expect to get a grand slam right off the bat. I figured I would start by getting singles, then doubles and work my way back up. I guess luck was on my side."

Butler baseball is now 31-17 overall heading into their break.

"There are six teams that could easily win the conference right now," pitching coach Trent Nesmith says. "We are young on the hill right now. If the guys on the mound step up, we'll have a shot at finishing first. Basically, a team's bullpen wins them the game. Without a strong relief pitcher, it is hard to win a game."



Top, Jason Santangelo takes some warm-up swings in the on-deck circle.

Bottom, Josh Merrigan delivers a pitch to his Dodge City opponent.

SOFTBALL LOSES ITS COACH

Lady Grizzly softball took its greatest strides of the season against Colby and Cloud County, the two best teams in the conference, on April 18-19. The Ladies improved their record to 21-18 overall and 13-12 in the conference.

The ladies have overcome some tough obstacles to move up in the conference as they have.

It all started with the coaching change over semester break. Shane Steinkamp, who was Butler's softball coach for four and a half years, moved on in his career by accepting the head fastpitch softball coaching position at Fort Hays State University. Brad Horky was hired to fill Steinkamp's position.

Steinkamp will be the coach to bring Fort Hays softball back. Fort Hays had a softball program 12 years ago and has finally decided to reinstate it. Steinkamp will be overseeing all softball action when the sport officially opens in the spring of 1999.

"It was my time," Steinkamp says. "I felt it was the right thing to do. I am looking forward to the opportunity to be successful."

Steinkamp hates that he had to drop the girls in

mid-season, but he says it was the best thing for his career.

"I think it is a great opportunity for Shane to go in and start the new softball program for Fort Hays," athletic director Rick Dreiling says. "We'll miss having Coach Steinkamp around."

The softball players had an idea that Steinkamp was going for the job, but didn't know for sure until it happened.

"They are happy for me," Steinkamp says. "I expect some of the players are disappointed after working with me for six months and then, just like that, I am gone."

Horky contacted Dreiling and was selected for the position out of five applicants.

Horky had a 100-60 record as softball coach at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. In 1987, he carried his team to a national champi-

onship. He was an assistant coach at KU for two years and coached at Pittsburg State University for four years with a 183-83 parting record.

The transition of coaches has "been hard on the players," Horky says. "I have come into the job with the same rules and philosophies I used in all my other coaching positions."

Horky and the rest of the team struggled in the first part of the season, but they are pulling together and finding what works.

"I have been telling them all year that we can play with anybody in the region. Now (after going 3-1 against Colby and Cloud), they know they can beat anybody in Region VI," says Horky. "That's what counts."

Rene Slatier is settling into the position on the mound and carried most of the load against Colby and Cloud.

Two of the ladies' top hitters have

been injured, Paula Keeler and Aryn McCoy. Stacy Crump and Laurie Meissner are "taking up the slack."

Becky Hildebrand, Rachel Metro, Jamie Combs, Keeler and McCoy are leading the Lady Grizzlies offensively.

In the games against Colby and Cloud, Hildebrand, Kristin Kelley and Crump hit out-of-the-park home runs.

"The big difference is now we're starting to drive runs in," Horky says. "There was a long drought where we would get people to second and third, but we couldn't get them in."





Butler football coach James Shibest gave Melvin Lister an ultimatum. Shibest told Lister that he had to decide between going to football camp or heading off to Australia to represent the United States in the Junior Olympics in track and field. Needless to say, Lister chose track and field. After all, going to Australia is a "once in a lifetime opportunity" for him. Lister went on to finish eighth in the Junior Olympics.

"Anybody in my place would have done the same thing," Lister says. "In my first year here, I began seeing things and I made the decision to stick. Playing football would have just slowed me down from pursuing my track and field career."

"I don't think he really had a choice," track coach Fred Torneden says.

Lister's football career began his freshman year of high school in Leavenworth. "Peer pressure made me play football," says Lister.

Then, track season came around and the coach told Lister that he looked like a jumper to him. The coach had another athlete show him how it was done.

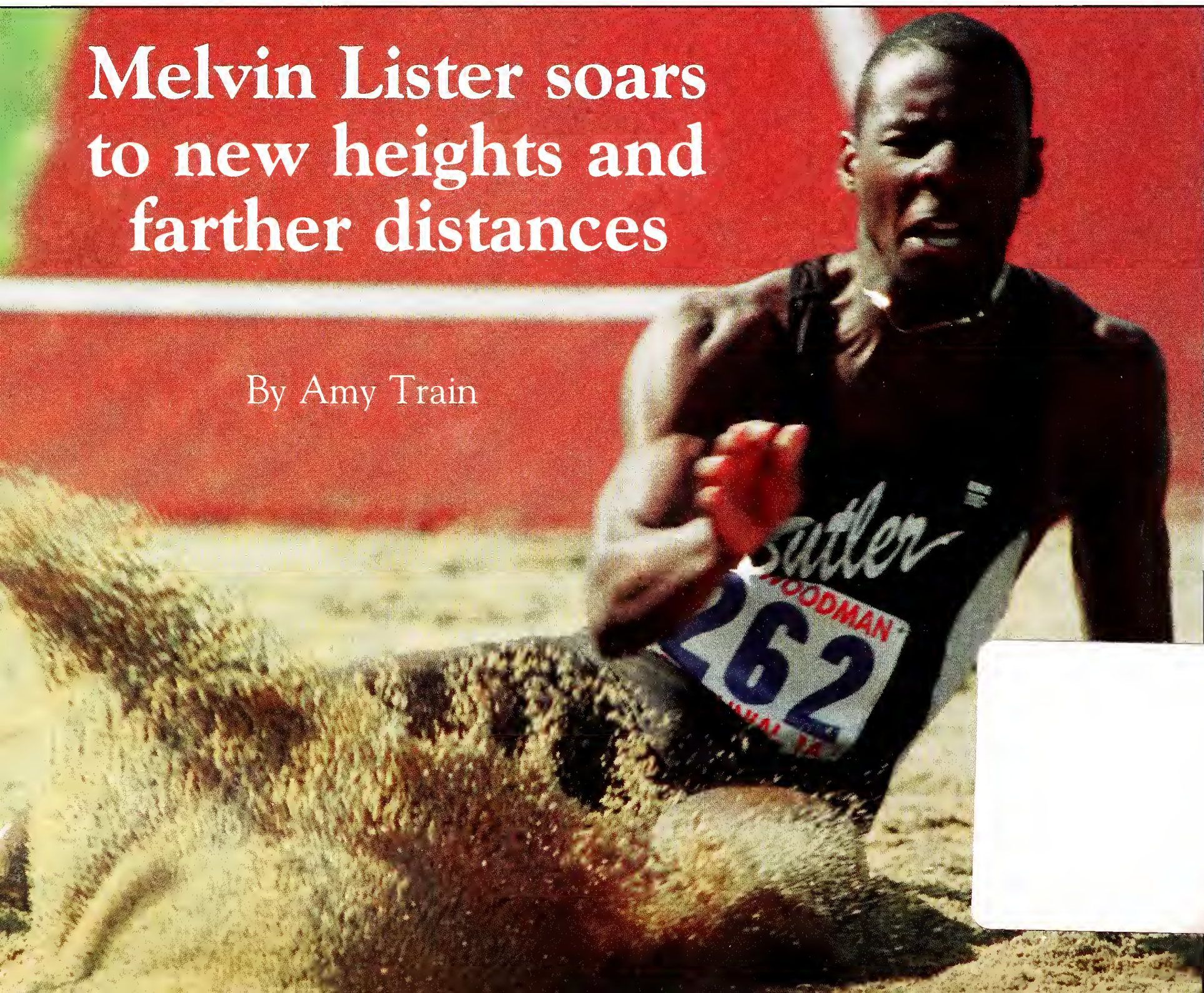
"So, I tried it," Lister says. "And, the triple jump became natural to me."

And that it did. Lister was a four-time state champion in high school for the triple jump. He also became an indoor national champion in the triple

Top photo, Melvin Lister soars through the air for a 24-foot long jump. Bottom photo, Lister grimaces as he lands one of his long jumps.

Melvin Lister soars to new heights and farther distances

By Amy Train



jump at the collegiate level. At the national scholastic meet in North Carolina he won the triple jump.

"As a freshman (in high school), I liked the triple jump so much because I was the state champion and the wins were there."

Lister was ranked by *Track and Field News* as one of the top two recruits in the nation as a senior. It also ranked him as number one in the long jump. Now, his best event in college competition is the long jump. As a sophomore in high school, he was first at state in the long jump.

During Lister's freshman year at Butler, he had some nagging injuries, says Torneden.

"Before the first indoor meet, he bet some of the guys in the dorms that he could hit his head on the ceiling," Torneden says. Lister injured his rib and did not compete in the triple jump for the rest of the year.

"Normal human beings wouldn't do those things; only if you are super-human like Melvin," Torneden says with a laugh.

As a freshman at Butler, he became the indoor and outdoor national champion in the long jump. Lister was the indoor long jump national champion as a sophomore. He now holds the best distance for the long jump in the nation. Lister's distance could have won at the NCAA national level.

"Coach Neubauer and I realize that Melvin is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to coach," says Torneden.

"Sometimes we joke around about enjoying this one as long as we can."

Lister received a gold in a California meet in the triple and long jumps. His longest jumping distances are 53 feet, three inches in the triple jump, and 26 feet, five inches in the long jump.

"Melvin is extremely gifted," Torneden says. "He is about ready for the Olympics. He has improved so much this year and still has the potential to improve a lot more. He is unbelievable."

Not only is Lister an accomplished jumper, but he has been successful in running events. In his junior year of high school, he was the state champion in the 400-meter run. During his senior year, he swept the 200- and 400-meter events in the state meet.

At the 1997 and 1998 indoor nationals, Lister was an anchor on the distance relay-medley team that finished first for Butler.

This year, Lister will be competing in the triple and long jumps and the 200-meter at the outdoor national meet. He is also a leg on Butler's 4 x 400-meter relay team.

Over the summer, Lister plans to go overseas to the World Games for the triple and long jumps. Athletes have not been picked for the Games, but Lister is sure he is a candidate.

"I know I am one of the top jumpers in the nation," Lister said. "If I keep up with what I have been doing, I know I will go."

Lister will continue collegiate level competition at Arkansas, where Butler's toughest competition is.

"Competing against other Arkansas athletes pushes me more," Lister says. "It makes me want to go out there like I have a purpose so next year they will know what I am all about."

Arkansas is known for distance and jumping, says Torneden. Arkansas' coach has recently been selected to judge the next Olympics.

"Coach Booth's goal is to fill three Olympic spots in the long jump with three guys from his program," Torneden says. "And Melvin is one of them."

Besides track and field, Lister is working towards a degree in Business Management. His focus is track and field. He is working towards his degree so he can make enough money to open his own sports-related business.

For now, Melvin's taking life one step, or leap, at a time. "Sooner or later, I will get there."



Butler's flying phenom is fast, too, as Lister hands off the baton to teammate Daniel Robinson in the 1600-meter relay at the K.T. Woodman track meet at Wichita State. Butler won the race by five seconds. Easily.

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